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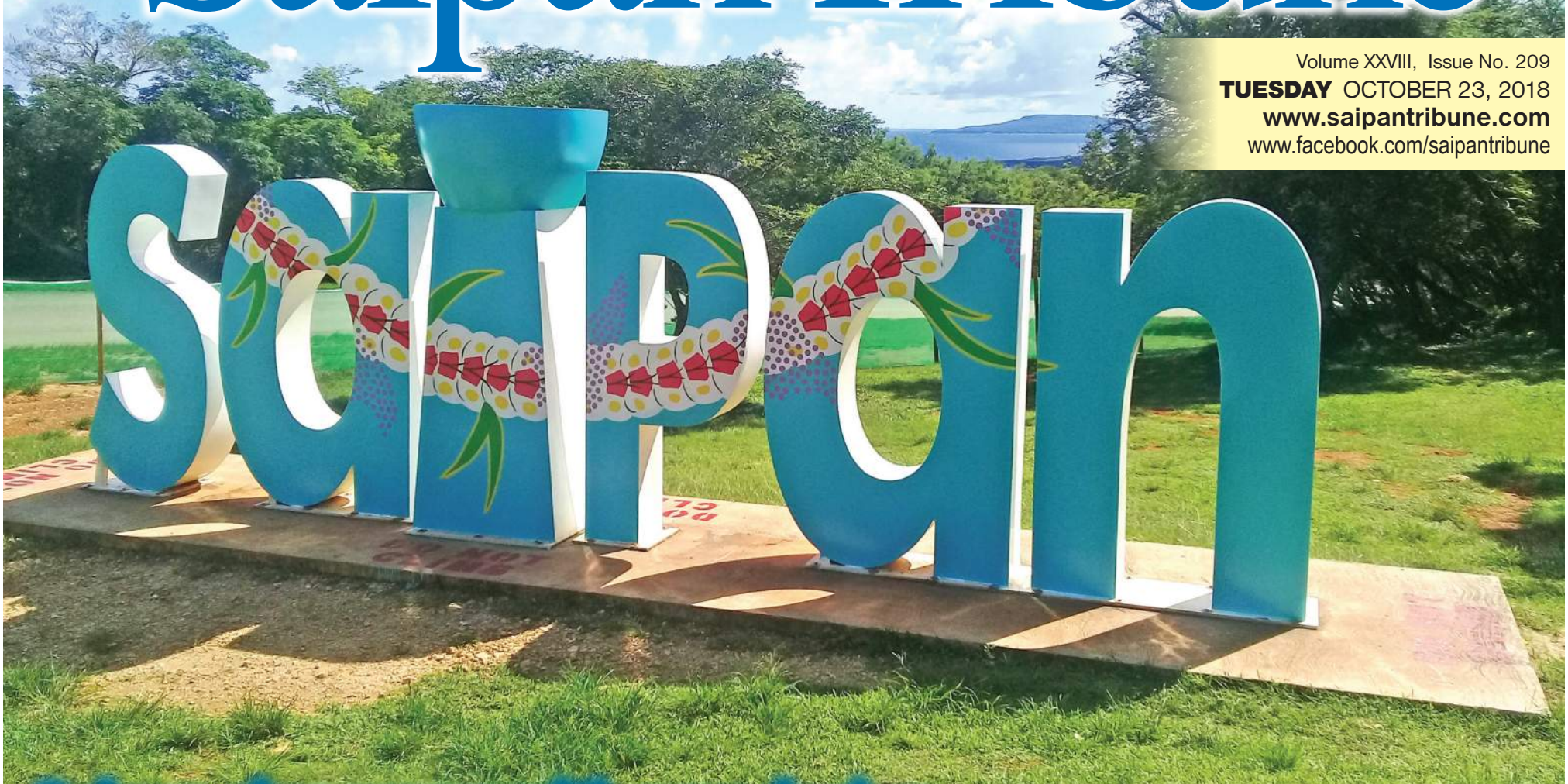

Saipan sign wows with new design

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The giant Saipan sign at scenic Marpi, newly painted blue and drawn with the representation of a head flower lei, locally referred to as *mwar mwar,* is drawing praises from tourists and in social media alike.

"It's so pretty. I love the color," said a woman after seeing a picture of the newly painted sign in social media.

"The art is beautiful!" another person commented.

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The newly painted Saipan sign at the scenic Marpi has drawn praises in social media. Art teacher Peter Aldan of Roil Soil made the design and hand-painted the sign with the assistance of Roil Soil co-owner Shayne Villanueva. The sign is still fenced off as the Marianas Visitors Authority is not done yet with the site.
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Saipan, Tinian under typhoon watch

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A typhoon watch is now in effect for Saipan and Tinian, while a tropical storm watch is now in effect for Rota as Tropical Storm Yutu continues its northwest movement toward the Marianas.

Because of the anticipated threat of Yutu, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has declared Typhoon Condition 3 for the islands of Saipan and Tinian and Tropical Storm Condition 3 for the island of Rota as of 8pm last night.

Typhoon Condition 3 means that damaging winds of 74 mph or greater are possible within 48 hours; Tropical Storm Condition 3 means that damaging winds of 39-73 mph are possible within 48 hours.

The National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam said that, as of 8pm yesterday, Yutu was 685 miles east-southeast of Saipan and about 700 miles east-southeast of Guam with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph and moving northwest at 14 mph.

It is expected to maintain this general course over the next few days. On this track, Yutu will likely

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Salary panel wants OAG involved

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The advisory commission tasked to review salary increases for legislators and other government officials wants to include the Office of the Attorney General in an advisory role.

Alex Sablan, who has been elected to chair the commission, noted in an interview after their two-hour meeting that the commission has agreed to invite an OAG representative to advise the body.

"I asked the commission members if they would agree to allow for a representative of the OAG at the table to provide us legal advice," he said. "…It's so that we don't have a question about what

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Local

500 lbs of trash collected in Garapan

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A group consisting of 17 children collect a large amount of trash in Garapan in just two hours of a monthly cleanup.

Members of the Saipan Awaodori collected for the month of October 500 lbs of trash near their practice headquarters at the Paseo de Marianas alley's immediate vicinity.

PDM Promoters Inc. coordinator Sonia Siwa told *Saipan Tribune* that the 17 members of the Awaodori club along with seven staff members from the Kinpachi Restaurant in Paseo de Marianas collected 500 lbs of trash within two hours.

The area included inside the alleys between the Coral Tree Avenue, Beach Road, and the American Memorial Park from 9am to 11am.

The group, which has been conducting monthly cleanups on the same route, has been consistently collecting over 400 lbs of trash each month.

Last September 2018, Siwa noted that the same group collected 580 lbs of trash in the same area, while during the International Coastal Cleanup last Sept. 15, 2018, the group contributed to a total of 5,538 lbs of trash from Saipan's coastlines, along with 35 other organizations.

'LIVE YOUR DREAM' AWARDEE

"The 'Live Your Dream' award is such a great opportunity that women should try to give it a shot," said Mercilyn Palec, this year's Live Your Dream awardee, an annual event of the Soroptimist International Northern Marianas Islands. The awarding was held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan last Saturday where SINMI gave out $3,000 cash prize to help women better their lives. BEA CABRERA

'No accord yet on facial recognition machines at Saipan airport'

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Commonwealth Ports Authority are still in talks about CBP's reported plan to install facial recognition machines at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

"No such understanding or agreement yet," according to CPA board airport facilities committee chair Barrie C. Toves yesterday.

Toves said CPA management is going to have a meeting with CBP next week to iron out the issue about the plan to install facial recognition machines.

In China, facial recognition machines have been used at some airports.

He said he communicated with CPA deputy director Edward Mendiola about the matter because it was not brought to the board's attention.

Toves said there was an error in the media report (not *Saipan Tribune*) quoting a CBP director about the installation of facial recognition machines at the airport as there is no such agreement yet.

"It is something that they are discussing. The reason why I was concerned about it is because it wasn't brought up to my committee and we're not aware that that is something that CBP is working with CPA," he said.

After the meeting with CBP, Toves expects the CPA deputy director to report back to the board.

He said if CPA does have the financial capability to fund the project, he is willing to push for it, but as far as details about the plan to install those machines at the airport is concerned, those have not been finalized yet.

"I don't know where the story came out. In fact, the deputy director is kind of surprised that it went out in the media and CPA is not prepared on the issue," he said.

Toves said if it is something that is going to be beneficial to the traveling public and address the long wait times at the airport, he is willing to support it.

Toves said CPA management is going to have further discussions with CPB to find out more details on the table for them to talk.

"As chairman of the airport facilities committee I am whole heartedly 100 percent in support of that if we can be convinced that it is something that is necessary to address a major problem at the airport," he said.

Toves said right now CPA has cut down on its operational expenses because they are expecting lower revenue, at least from the airport side, because of the major airlines' pullout.

Man who allegedly bit his wife now wants to change his plea

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A 47-year-old man who allegedly bit his wife back in July will request for a change of plea hearing.

Mizanur Rahman, who was jailed for allegedly sitting on his wife, biting her, and scratching her cheeks last July, has been scheduled for a change of plea hearing or status conference on Nov. 27, 2018.

Rahman has been charged with assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Aside from the original charges, Rahman is also accused of violating a protective order. The wife had an active order of protection from the Superior Court, which directed Rahman to stay away from her.

According to a police report, Rahman drove to a barbecue concession stand in San Antonio where his wife and a man were standing.

Rahman ordered his wife to follow him but she refused and told him to leave.

Police said Rahman tried to grab his wife's hand, but her male companion stepped in, blocking and pushing Rahman away.

Rahman then picked up a piece of wood about 4 feet in length and swung it at the man, hitting him in the arm.

The man held on to Rahman to stop him from hurting anyone else.

Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan imposed a $5,000 cash bail on the defendant who was remanded to the Department of Corrections.

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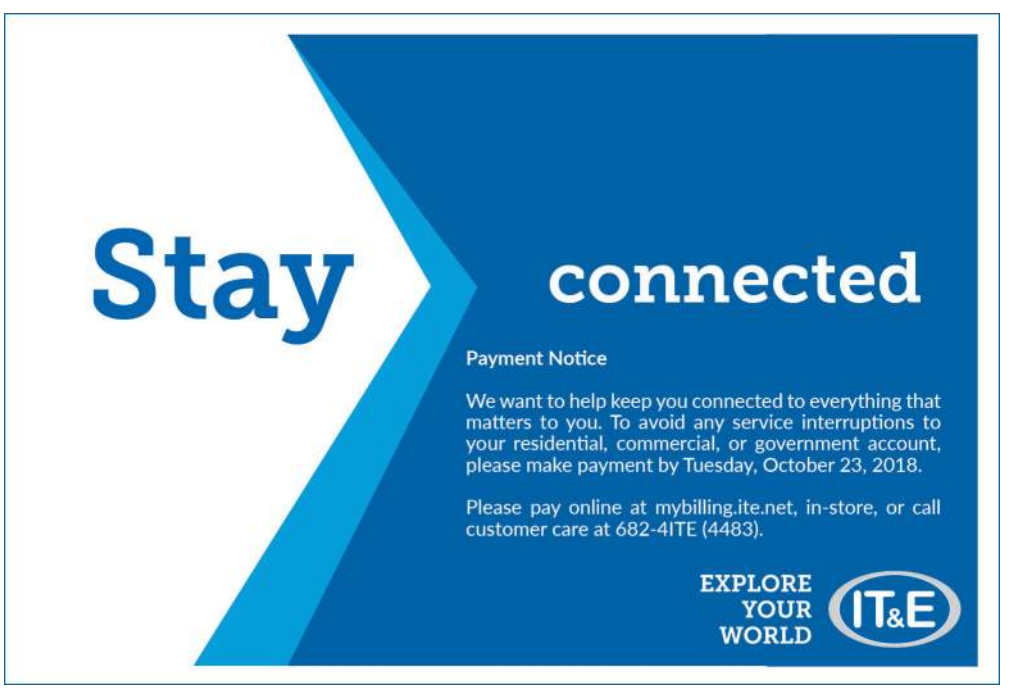
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Ukulele festival gives away 40 scholarships

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The 4th Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival over the weekend handed out 40 ukulele scholarships that included lessons for people of all ages.

Marianas Ukulele Festival Association chair Larry Lee told *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend that 40 registered for free ukulele lessons from Ed Johnson, the Marianas Music Association, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture with the Carolinian Affairs Office.

"…The Marianas Ukulele Festival Association would pay for that," Lee told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview.

The festival, which was held at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot, was the first time it was held outside of the Garapan Fishing Base since the festival started.

"We don't have to deal with tents and rain or shine, the festival would push through," Lee said.

According to him, the main goal of the festival is to promote an instrument that originated in Hawaii—the ukulele.

"We just want to share the love of ukulele music and give people the opportunity to come out and get local performers to come and play—just getting people together to enjoy music and culture," he said.

According to Lee, the festival has garnered more donations and community support. "Every year the festival has been growing."

Both Lee and association vice chair Gordon Marciano spearheaded the organization of the festival.

Featured artists included veteran musical group Tata Lino, Tata Felix, and General Joe; Marvin and Jay; Sunset Cruisers' Alana'ia, Da Kine, Demalyn Pagarao, Jose Carreon and Juan Ichihara, and the Saipan Community School, among many others.

Musical performances from Jon Paul and Jason Sablan, Ukituki band, Monkeya Brothers, and more were also highlighted during the one-day festival.

Guam Guard airman departs for deployment

An airman from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Comptroller Flight departed over the weekend en route to a deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Southwest Asia.

Staff Sgt. Angelo Guevarra, a member of the 254th Comptroller Flight, will support U.S. Air Force Centcom with a mission to provide war fighting support capabilities and enhance the tools required to perform the job by developing an expeditionary mindset, improving contingency/war fighting capabilities, and improving comptroller war planning.

The Guard continues to ask the public for their support as this deployment will have a significant impact on the Guam Air Guard component.

"We thank the people of Guam, especially the employers, for their continued support of our airmen and their families," said Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Leon Guerrero, the adjutant general for the Guam National Guard. "We also have airmen from the 254th Security Forces Squadron who are currently deployed or supporting missions around the world. Please keep Sgt. Guevarra and our airmen in your thoughts and prayers now and for the duration of their deployment."

The airmen are scheduled to be deployed for approximately six months. ***(PR)***

Staff Sgt. Angelo Guevarra, a member of the 254th Comptroller Flight, departs over the weekend en route to a deployment in Southwest Asia.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Judiciary service windows open today

The service windows at the Guma' Hustisia were closed yesterday starting 12pm due to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s temporary water service interruption. The service windows will resume regular business hours today, Oct. 23, 2018.

Court hearings at the Judiciary's alternate sites will continue as scheduled. For additional information or assistance, contact clerk of court Deanna M. Ogo at (670) 236-9800, via email deanna.manglona@justice.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

Military training at FDM, W-517, former golf course, Andersen south

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, Oct. 23, from 11am to 10pm and on Oct. 26, from 9am to 8pm. The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517on Oct. 23, from 3:30-10pm

The U.S. military will also conduct training at the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course in Barrigada and Andersen south in Yigo during the following dates and times:

- Oct. 24, from 6:30-10pm
- Oct. 25, from 6-9:30pm

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training.

The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur throughout the week in areas of the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course and Andersen South. ***(PR)***

Scheduled power outages

There will be scheduled power interruption today, Oct. 23, that will affect Industrial Drive in Lower Base. It will also affect the Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Puerto Rico. No water well service area will be affected but the wastewater service area in Sadog Tasi and Puerto Rico will be affected. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. ***(PR)***

Deadline to comment on OVR policy reset

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the State Rehabilitation Council would like to announce that the deadline for submission of public comments on OVR's revisions to its Supported Employment Policy has been extended to Oct. 31, 2018. If you have any questions contact Josephine Tudela at jo@ovrgov.net or at 670-322-6537/8. ***(PR)***

Andersen Air Force Base sets annual exercise

Andersen Air Force Base is scheduled to conduct an Operational Readiness Exercise from Nov. 5 to Nov. 8. This exercise satisfies an annual requirement in accordance with Air Force Installation Mission Assurance Exercise Requirements to maintain operational readiness and is not focused on any specific threat.

Expect increased noise and activity to include sound effects, messages from loud speakers, sirens and noise from alert vehicles. Visual effects such as smoke may also be visible. ***(PR)***

Library closed on Oct. 27

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be closed on Oct. 27, in lieu of the 4th Annual Friends of the Library Golf Tournament. If interested in participating in the tournament or for more information, call the library at 235-READ. ***(PR)***

UOG association to host senatorial forum

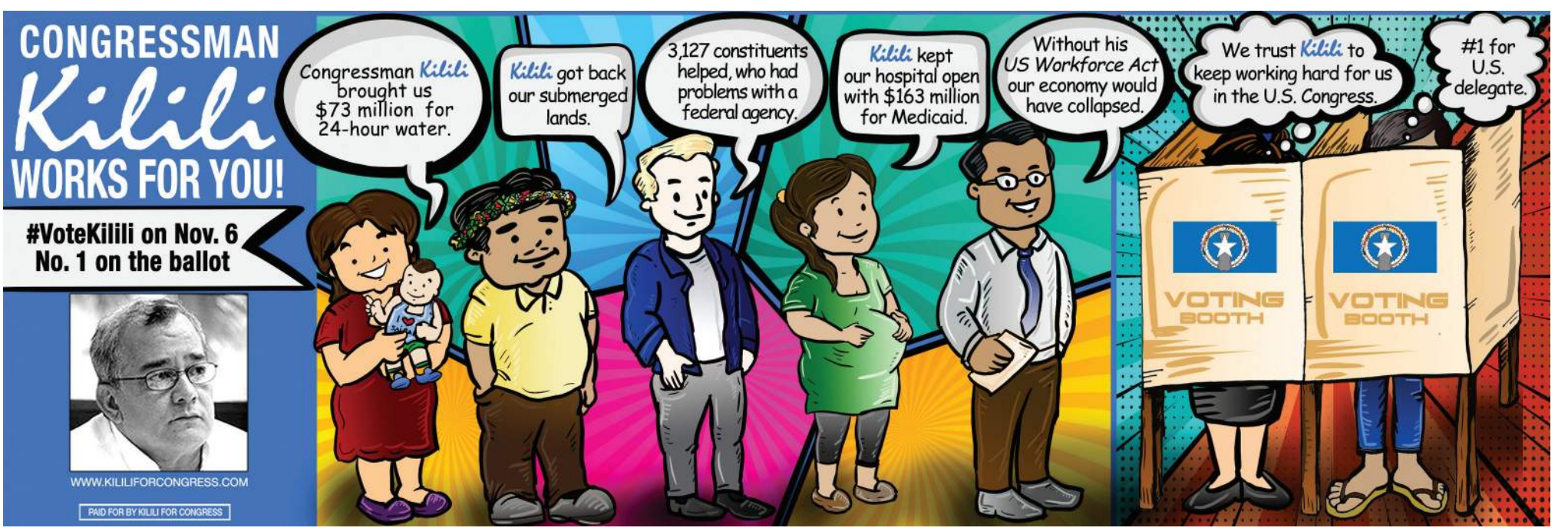
The University of Guam Political Science Student Association will be hosting a 2018 Senatorial Forum Series. The forum series will feature Democrat and Republican candidates running for a seat in the 35th Guam Legislature. The forums will take place on Oct. 23, 24, and 25, from 5pm to 7pm at the University of Guam CLASS Lecture Hall. ***(PR)***

MVA membership meeting on Nov. 9

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual general membership meeting on Nov. 9, 2018, at Royal Taga Ballroom, Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.

Guest speakers will be from the MVA's offshore offices and will provide a recap of fiscal year 2017 projects and the MVA's marketing plans for fiscal year 2019. Speakers will be the in-country managers: Irene Lee, Korea market; Florence Shi, China market; and Takashi Ichikura, Japan market.

To RSVP, to request a membership application, or for more information, contact the MVA Community Projects Division at communityprojects@mymarianas.com or call (670) 664-3200. ***(MVA)***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IN SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A MINOR CASE

Defendant's request for transcription funding granted

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The defendant in a case of sexual assault of a girl has been granted funding by the Superior Court to cover the cost of the transcription of the most recent evidentiary hearing to determine whether the child's memory is reliable.

Joseph Seman Epina, through assistant public defender Heather M. Zona, asked last Wednesday for funding to cover the cost to transcribe nearly 24 hours of recordings from the case's most recent evidentiary hearing in August.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho granted Epina's request for a certified transcript yesterday.

The Commonwealth, represented by chief prosecutor Michelle Harris and assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio, did not oppose the motion.

Both parties believed that a transcript would aid them and the court in addressing the memory taint issue.

Epina requested $3,120 from the Superior Court to cover the costs of an official transcription.

Zona said they received two estimates for written transcription from West Pacific Litigation Support. She said one estimate is for $3,087, while the other is for $3,115.

Zona said that West Pacific could prepare the transcripts within 30 to 35 days.

Last March, Camacho held a hearing to determine whether the memory of the child remains reliable after allegedly being subjected to suggestive and coercive police interview techniques.

During the evidentiary hearing, an expert testimony from the May 2017 motion hearing from child psychology, memory science, and forensic interviewing Dr. Wendy Bourg was incorporated.

Bourg's testified that she could not say whether the girl's memory was in fact tainted, but circumstances which lead to memory contamination were present.

Camacho said at the evidentiary hearing in the case against Epina on the issue of memory taint, the government has the burden to show by a preponderance of the evidence that the girl retains sufficient personal knowledge to satisfy Commonwealth Rule of Evidence 602 and be able to testify about the events.

Epina, 43, is facing charges of allegedly raping a then-12-year-old girl on Saipan in March 2016. The girl told police that it was not the first time that Epina sexually assaulted her.

The OAG charged Epina with sexual assault of a minor in the first degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Survivors, Star Marianas, others ask for more time to finalize settlement

The parties in a lawsuit filed by two survivors of a fatal plane crash on Tinian in 2013, have asked the federal court to give them more time to finalize a settlement agreement.

Two survivors of a fatal plane crash in 2013 on Tinian are currently finalizing their settlement with Star Marianas Air Inc. and others that they sued over the accident.

John K. Courtney, counsel for survivors Pengliang Cai and Lei Wang, and Timothy H. Bellas, counsel for Star Marianas Air and co-defendants, have informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that they have been working on a settlement.

The lawyers said they anticipate that with additional time all parties will be able to reach an agreeable final settlement.

They requested the court to cancel yesterday's order to show-cause hearing and instead set it after 90 days.

The show-cause hearing has been reset several times at of the parties' request.

In a previous order to show cause, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said more than 90 days have passed since the complaint was filed on Oct. 2, 2015. Manglona asked the parties why this matter should not be dismissed.

Zhang, a Chinese national, was killed in the crash on Oct. 6, 2013, on Tinian. Cai, who is the husband of Zhang, survived, along with another passenger, Lei Wang.

Cai and Wang are suing Star Marianas Air and its then-operator, Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., travel agency Top Development Inc., and the deceased pilot, Luis Silva. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

ERRATUM

In the Oct. 18, 2018 article 'This is not the normal way we treat workers,' we incorrectly identified Micronesian Legal Service Corp. as Micronesian Legal Assistance Corp. Our apologies.

SAIPAN

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"Island pride. Job well done," an observer said.

Since the Marianas Visitors Authority unveiled the sign in July 2017, it has become one of the most photographed sites in the CNMI. The original sign was painted plain white. The MVA commissioned art teacher Peter Aldan this year to freshen it up.

Aldan, a long-time art teacher at Kagman High School, is also an adjunct art teacher at the Northern Marianas College. He and Shayne Villanueva are co-owners of Roil Soil, a company that does clothing merchandize and also engages in promotional events.

Aldan, with the help of Villanueva, completed the painting last Sunday after two weekends.

"We want to kind of reproduce the CNMI flag. Color blue represents the ocean and everything. It has the latte stone. It has a *mwar mwar*," Aldan said.

He said they wanted to incorporate the *mwar mwar* but they wanted to make it look like the sign was wearing it. "The *mwar mwar* itself is kind of looks like a necklace lei draping over the Saipan sign itself," he said.

Aldan created the design. Including the actual design and the process for getting this sign painted took them a couple of months.

The work is already completed in terms of just getting the painting done.

"All we have to do now is determine a clear coat, what kind of clear coat options we have for it," he said.

The giant Saipan sign was an idea of MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion when he first joined the MVA in 2016.

Concepcion said that, in his many travels to other places around the world, some of the most iconic photos taken are those with giant destination signs that essentially advertise the place.

"It's perfect for Instagram, Facebook, and other social media platforms because people instantly know where you are and more than likely want to learn more about our islands," he said.

He said he wanted to bring that experience to the CNMI so their product development team worked with contractors to build the original sign.

"It's now been a little over a year since we did the unveiling so we wanted to freshen it up and add some color to it so we partnered with local artists at Roil Soil to come up with a design and we have what you see now in Marpi," Concepcion said.

He said MVA is not done yet with the site so they ask the public to refrain from entering the fenced-off area while they complete the project.

MVA is planning to landscape the place with some flowers and trees to prevent vehicles from destroying the grass area.

He said their goal is to enhance the overall aesthetic appeal of the site.

"We are excited about the official unveiling despite it being leaked through social media," Concepcion said.

SALARY

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comes down the road."

Sablan noted that, although Public Law 20-71—the statute that created the advisory commission—states that the commission does not particularly have a deadline, he wishes to be done with the recommendation within a month.

"…Under the law, we have as long as we need to establish this, but we are attempting to try and do this after 30 days," he said. "We are hopeful that in the next week or two, we could actually come up with the determining factor on how we could calculate the…increase."

P.L. 20-71 states that the commission is free to use any accepted composite price index. Sablan said yesterday that the composite index previously used by the former advisory commission created by Public Law 19-83 was not the best to use and that the commission would have to go as far back as 1978 to look at the index used then for calculations.

"We just organized and looked at different [methodologies] for the calculation of wages," he said. He noted that some members of the commission would be heading to the Central Statistics Division for assistance in the calculations.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres appointed three members to the commission, while the Senate president and the House speaker each appointed two members, totaling seven members.

The commission is made up of Sablan, president of the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp., former Senate president Pete Reyes, special assistant for Management and Budget Virginia Villagomez, Torres' former chief of staff Matthew Deleon Guerrero, former representative Rosemond B. Santos, Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), and Legislative Bureau fiscal analyst David Demapan.

Only Deleon Guerrero was absent from the meeting.

Last Aug. 31, the CNMI Supreme Court issued an opinion concluding that the salary increases as authorized in P.L. 19-83 was unconstitutional, including all prior salary increases.

The court further concluded that salary increases for the Legislature must be calculated based off a specific accepted composite price index; within the percentage change of the accepted CPI for the period since the last salary increase; and no greater than the maximum salary recommended by the advisory commission.

STORM

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be approaching the Marianas Wednesday night.

Yutu is forecast to intensify through Tuesday, possibly becoming a typhoon. Tropical storm force winds extend outward from the center up to 140 miles to the northeast and 115 miles elsewhere.

Its closest point of approach to the CNMI is forecasted to be on Thursday evening as a Category 4-strength storm, likely passing 20-30 miles north of Saipan. The onset of 39 miles per hour winds is expected to hit Saipan and Tinian by late Wednesday night, while maximum sustained winds forecasted to be at 110 to 130 mph are expected early Thursday morning.

In an earlier statement, Torres urged the Marianas to be proactive, stay informed, and prepare for the worst.

"This storm is expected to become a typhoon by Tuesday and poses a significant threat to the Northern Mariana Islands," he said in a statement.

Torres said the CNMI's leadership team has already been in contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and federal and military partners.

"FEMA has deployed additional personnel from Guam to Saipan to ensure support is readily available. This includes prepositioned equipment and assets, in support of recovery efforts. [Department of Defense] officials have been notified and are currently on standby. [Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality], [Department of Public Works], and the Saipan Mayor's Office are coordinating efforts to open drainage systems to alleviate inundation on the island of Saipan, where flooding is likely to occur. Debris removal coordination is in the works," he said.

Torres added that the Public School System and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs have been notified of shelter activation as soon as Condition 2 is called.

"A list of shelters will be out sometime tomorrow. The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority will be activated upon Condition 2 to help transport residents who need transportation to and from shelters. As a word of precaution, the best way to avoid personal injury is to seek shelter in concrete structures."

"Now is the time to prepare. When preparing for an emergency situation, always think about the essential needs for survival: fresh water, food, and a healthful environment that keeps you and your families safe. Build a disaster supplies kit, secure loose outdoor household belongings, board up your homes if needed, contact family and loved ones, and help each other out. [Homeland Security and Emergency Management] has a complete list of instructions and guidelines for you to follow."

"I know we are still recovering from Typhoon Mangkhut, but…we have proven that we are a resilient community. We have overcome challenges and withstand natural disasters for years, and we get stronger as a community with each experience. Remember to always help each other out. 'Inafa'maolek, Un Guinaiya, Tipiyeew.' This is the spirit that brings our community together and moves our people forward," added Torres in the press release.

Bankruptcy Court did not find couple in contempt

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI Bankruptcy Division has issued a no-contempt ruling against a former owner of a security agency and his wife that a bank would like to be included as a party in connection with a defamation lawsuit.

At a show-cause hearing last week, Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered debtors couple Joaquin V. Deleon Guerrero and Esther A. Deleon Guerrero to follow through with the additional documents requested by the Chapter 7 bankruptcy case trustee, Mark Heath.

As this developed, Manglona also ordered trustee Heath to respond yesterday to Bank of Hawaii's motion for lift the automatic stay of the proceedings in the bankruptcy petition filed by Joaquin and Esther Deleon Guerrero.

In Heath's motion to hold the Deleon Guerrero couple in contempt, lawyer Rene Holmes informed the court last week that there were some outstanding matters and that they had asked for all of the bank records of the couple for the past 10 years.

According to the minutes of the hearing, Holmes provided a little background from when the Commonwealth Development Authority sent out subpoenas in the Superior Court action and that Bank of Guam indicated there were three personal accounts there and they only gave one BOG account.

Timothy Bellas, counsel for the Deleon Guerrero couple, stated the money they were talking about, the $296,000, actually belonged to Frances Deleon Guerrero Naraja and Margaret Santos.

Frances Deleon Guerrero is the wife of Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja. She has filed a defamation lawsuit against BOH.

Bellas also stated that when they originally responded to the subpoena, they provided 568 pages of documents and that last week they provided an additional 46 pages, which Joaquin Deleon Guerrero went out and got the most current statements to bring up his BOG account to the month of September.

Bellas said there were documents that were destroyed during Typhoon Soudelor.

Bellas called the Deleon Guerrero couple to the witness stand.

After the couple's testimony, Manglona stated she was inclined to enter a finding that there was no disregard to their subpoena to answer any of these requests.

Manglona noted there seems to be some reasonable interpretations and arguments.

Holmes said she was not actually arguing that there should be a finding of willful violation at this time and her only point was that Joaquin Deleon Guerrero was conceding that he didn't provide the savings account information from BOG and he was going back to do that.

Bellas stated that Margaret Santos was in the courtroom and that she provided some information regarding paying off her mother's debt to CDA with the funds that were in dispute.

Holmes said she needed some time.

BOH has filed a motion to lift the stay in the bankruptcy action so that it can sue Joaquin Deleon Guerrero and intends to join him as an additional third-party defendant once it obtains such approval.

Joaquin Deleon Guerrero is asking the Bankruptcy Court to deny BOH's motion to lift the automatic stay of his and his wife's bankruptcy petition in order to allow the bank to proceed with its third-party claim against him in connection with his sister's defamation lawsuit against the bank.

Joaquin Deleon Guerrero, through Bellas, asserted that there is prejudice to both him and the estate of his late father, former governor Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero, by lifting the stay in his (Joaquin's) bankruptcy case.

Bellas said Joaquin would be required to incur the additional expense of litigating a suit that involves an asset to which he does not have a personal interest in.

Joaquin is the brother of Frances DLG Naraja, who is suing BOH for defamation for allegedly refusing to honor the eight cashier's checks amounting to $290,000 that she had purchased in 2016, but then telling all the other banks on Saipan that she had improperly secured the cashier's checks. Frances Naraja is the wife of Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja.

Mrs. Naraja asked the Superior Court to order for the return of $290,000, represented by the cashier's checks, with interest. She also sought damages.

BOH also filed a counterclaim against Mrs. Naraja and third-party claims against Gloria DLG. Sablan, CDA, and the Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero Family Trust.

Sablan is Mrs. Naraja's sister.

Frink moved the court to require Mrs. Naraja and Mrs. Sablan to reimburse BOH for its costs in analyzing and defending itself against the lawsuit.

4 MVA events through Christmas

Concepcion

Less than two months before Christmas, the Marianas Visitors Authority is sponsoring and co-sponsoring four major events intended to attract tourists, international athletes as well as CNMI residents.

MVA managing director Christopher Concepcion said they have the Ironman 70.3 Saipan this Saturday, Oct. 27, then the 12th Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle slated for Dec. 1.

Ironman 70.3 is an internationally recognized event that features a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run, totaling 70.3 miles. It is not clear if this competition will push through because of bad weather.

Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle participants would experience Micronesia's most challenging 100K cycling course, highlighted by the natural beauty of the island at its most distinguished attractions. Last year, the event attracted 181 registrants from 11 countries.

After Thanksgiving, Christmas in the Marianas at the Paseo de Marianas in western Garapan will begin with the lighting up of sculptures.

Concepcion said the 17th Annual Christmas in the Marianas will be held at the Paseo de Marianas every Saturday in December.

The event features decorated Christmas trees, a Christmas parade, and a costume/caroling decorations.

The Tinian Cliff Fishing Derby, which has been rescheduled to Nov. 9 to 11, is a sport fishing that attracts more fishermen to the islands.

Meanwhile, the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands, is set to hold its 33rd Annual Japanese Autumn Festival at the Paseo de Marianas this Saturday.

The event showcases traditional Japanese performances, Japanese delicacies, plus foods and games for tourists and locals to enjoy. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Deadline for Ms. Marianas extended

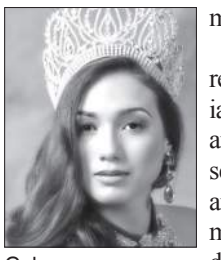
Young women across the CNMI wanting to help their community by becoming a positive role model and ambassador to the world with 2019 Miss Marianas pageant scheduled this February now have up to Nov. 16 to turn in their applications.

The islands' nonprofit pageant and talent group, Stellar Marianas, is encouraging 18-25-year-old qualified contestants to join the islands' premier pageant and international competition.

Stellar Marianas is scheduling an open house on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 10am at Surf Club to address questions and provide further information for interested applicants.

Interested applicants are invited to pick up an application at Pena House Boutique in Chalan Kanoa and Iridescent Boutique in Garapan or to download an application from www.facebook.com/stellarmarianas or emailing stellarqueens@gmail.com and turning applications in by this Nov. 16.

"This is truly a lifetime opportunity and the honor to represent our islands to the best of your ability. We highly encourage our young women to join these worthwhile and positive community and global events as the experience is not only incredibly fun, but will also boost confidence and offer lifelong skills," said Stellar Marianas public relations director Monique Sablan.


Cabrera

Stellar Marianas is also inviting the community to tag or post photos of who they think should be the next Miss Marianas with #nextmissmarianas on Instagram or Facebook.

Rehearsals and preparation will begin soon and the theme is "Celestial," celebrating the islands' starry beauty as well as strong cultural heritage of exploration and navigation by the stars.

The 2019 Miss Marianas contestant requirements are 18 to 25 year olds, must be U.S. citizen, single, not married, no children, and of good moral and ethical character.

Titleholders have the opportunity to represent the CNMI at an international pageant as well as have the support and resources to be an active community volunteer.

Contestants will receive a Stellar Marianas beauty bag, hair and make up training sessions, nutrition and fitness training, model portfolio, media interview and public speaking training sessions, opening number outfit and swim wear from Stellar Marianas.

Miss Marianas 2019 could win: a trophy, sash and flowers, $2,000 cash, NMC scholarship, all expense paid travel opportunity to compete at international pageant, all expense paid travel opportunities, one year use of a brand new car, a brand new smart phone, one-year supply of beauty products, one-year gym membership, a professional model portfolio, a four-piece luggage set from Stellar Marianas and an opportunity to create and implement a community project under your name assisted by Stellar Marianas.

For more information, email stellarqueens@gmail.com or join Stellar Marianas on Facebook. ***(PR)***

Teacher nurtures the greening of MCS' music program

When Julian Greening arrived on Saipan last year, he was eager to bring his passion for music to Mount Carmel School, which had committed to reviving its music program by hiring him.

Greening came to the school with an extensive background in music—a bachelor's degree in music education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and the university's prestigious Music Talent Award. He went on to teach band and music at several schools throughout Japan, and has also performed around the world in dozens of musical productions, including *Fiddler on the Roof, Singing in the Rain*, and *South Pacific*. He also performed at Carnegie Hall under the direction of H. Robert Reynolds, the principal conductor of the wind ensemble for the University of Southern California, and even performed with the alt-punk band Weezer during their 2008 North American tour.

Greening said he was born and raised in Japan "but since music is a universal language, it helped connect with people when I studied in the U.S."

Since coming to the school, Greening has launched a rigorous program that includes classes and after-school practice almost every day of the week. The program includes students from the 5th grade to seniors, and even some faculty members. Through these classes and practices, Greening and the student musicians prepare for numerous performances, including the school's annual Christmas program and the Spring Band Concert. Greening is also working with the school's Theatre Club and local musicians to perform in the club's upcoming musical, Tasi.

Greening's drive is having an impact on his students. Miyuki Takayama, currently a 7th grader at the school, began her music experiences last year after wanting to try something new. After joining the program, Takayama believes she gained insightful lessons such as learning to be committed to doing something you love. "I learned to play something different even though it takes up a lot of my time, and I have fun with other members of the program."

Mount Carmel School music program director Julian Greening, left, worked with the Saipan Winds Concert Band, conducted by Atsuko Eck, to put on the school's first public concert, the Spring Band Concert, which was held back in May. MCS

Mount Carmel School music program director Julian Greening conducts the school's band during its first public concert, the Spring Band Concert, which was held back in May. MCS

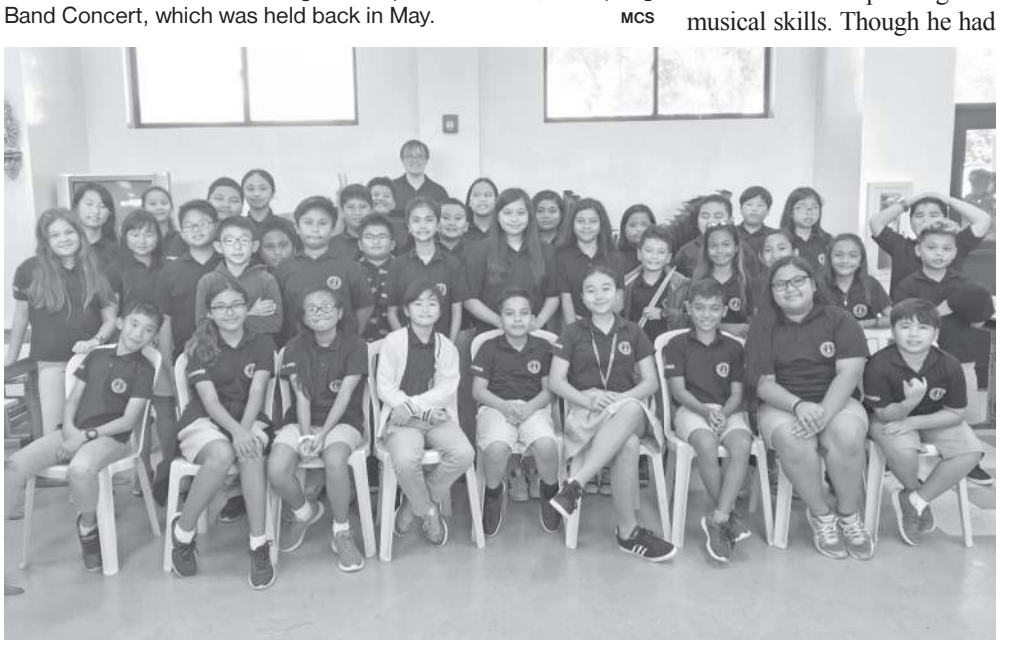
She recommends the music program for anyone interested in music and is patient enough to become committed.

Another student of the music program, Eunkyu "Joey" Hong from 7th grade, is optimistic with expanding his musical skills. Though he had played the violin for years, Hong joined the program only last year to try woodwind instruments. "It was interesting to learn different kinds of music and exciting to play to get better at it." Hong looks forward to expanding his range of musical instruments by learning other types of music like percussion.

Hong also is thankful that the program lets him bond with those of the same interest. "It's really nice that we can hang out with other groups of people with the same interest."

Many look forward to the future of Mount Carmel School's music program. Jan Bobadilla, a senior and more experienced musician, is optimistic. "I look forward to hearing the sound of our band develop, and I believe Mr. Greening can make that happen."

Greening hopes to inspire more students to enjoy music and grow their talent. He hopes that students will receive the same exposure to music as he did, so that they may be inspired to delve into the study and practice of music. "Music is our universal language, so we can all learn how to speak it." ***(PR)***


Mount Carmel School's Band gathers for a photo during one of their recent band practices. MCS

Kilili scores 100 pct. with AAUW Action Fund

The American Association of University Women Action Fund has given Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) a score of 100 percent for his work in the 115th Congress.

The AAUW's Congressional Voting Record reflects votes and cosponsorships from January 2017 through Sept. 14, 2018, on the issues that are a priority for women and families. These priorities include equal pay, education, campus sexual assault, campaign finance, human trafficking, and reproductive rights.

Among the insular area representatives in Congress, only Sablan and the other Democratic members scored 100 percent.

"We congratulate Delegate Sablan for standing with women and families in the Northern Mariana Islands and across America," said Deborah J. Vagins, senior vice president for public policy and research at AAUW. "We look forward to continue working together with him to achieve equity."

Sablan thanked the organization for its recognition. "Given the importance of family in Marianas culture," he said, "my work on the issues that AAUW identifies as important simply reflects the people I represent.

"It is really the values of the Marianas that are being recognized by the American Association of University Women."

AAUW is particularly focused on legislation that protects women's economic security and equal access to education. Among the legislation in this Congress that AAUW scored was the Paycheck Fairness Act, H.R. 1869, which strengthens penalties for equal pay violations and creates an award for employers who eliminate pay discrepancies between men and women. The bill also sets up a grant program to train women in the negotiation skills needed to get pay equity. Women in the United States are typically paid 80 cents for every dollar paid to men.

"The Paycheck Fairness Act was referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce," Sablan said. "But the Republican leadership has chosen not to act to help women get pay equity. It is my hope that this will change in the next Congress with Democratic leadership of the Committee."

Sablan is a senior member of the Democratic leadership on the Committee and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, Pensions.

The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Founded in 1881, AAUW's members have taken positions on the fundamental issues of their day—educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW has a nationwide network of over 170,000 members and supporters, 1000 local branches, and 800 college and university partners. ***(PR)***

MS *Bremen* swings by Yap

COLONIA, Yap—Long before cars arrived on Yap, people got around the small island on foot. Today, a web of ancient stone paths that connect the villages is still in use. This past Saturday, a group of travelers arrived aboard the MS Bremen cruise ship and set off to explore a section of the Tamilyog Trail, a four-mile hike from beginning to end that follows some of the stone paths through the forest and across the island from east to west.

Led by ethno-biologist and long-time Yap resident Dr. Marjorie Cushing Falanruw, the hikers were from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. As they applied bug spray to arms and legs and necks, Falanruw offered everyone a list of the birds that live on Yap.

"First," she said, "we are going to pass through a working forest that is a pharmacy, a source of food and a hardware store."

The group started up the stone steps that led from the road to the path. "Then," Falanruw continued, "we will go through the wild forest and finally arrive at a savannah."

Among the many rewards for the hikers' effort as they reached the apex of the trail would be a magnificent view of Yap's hills and the surrounding sea.

Hosted by Manta Ray Bay Resort and Yap Divers, the ship's 130 passengers and 100 crew members explored the island during their stop at the remote island, opting for their choice of a land tour led by local Manta Ray Bay guides that included one of the island's famous stone money banks and World War II memorials; snorkeling; kayaking through the mangroves; the guided hike on the Tamilyog Trail; or sightseeing on their own by foot.

A traditional dance at the Living History Museum and carving and canoe-building demonstrations at the nearby canoe house brought the visitors together at the end of the day.

"We were very excited to be on the itinerary of the Bremen," said Bill Acker, owner of MRBR. "The channel in Yap is narrow so only small cruise ships can come to call. But when they do, we strive to give the passengers a memorable experience and invite them to come back for a longer stay."

The three-week journey began in Palau and stopped at the atoll of Ngulu before arriving in Yap. Kosrae, Majuro, Kirabati and Tuvalu were among the other islands and atolls on the ship's itinerary that ends in Fiji. ***(PR)***

Dr. Marjorie C. Falanruw, center, leads Yap visitors on Tamilyog Trail hike. JOYCE MCCLURE

Diego is named honorary consul of FSM in the NMI

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Former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente was sworn in over the weekend as the first honorary consul of the Federated States of Micronesia in the CNMI, with FSM president Peter M. Christian himself swearing in Benavente to his new role.

"Because we do not have [an FSM] consulate here… some of the folks do need assistance, whether finding documents, passports, or other matters that concerns their citizenship and their needs. My role would be to try to be the link between FSM citizens here in the CNMI to the consulate's office in Guam," Benavente said.

He would be working closely with FSM Consul General to Guam Teresa M. Filepin, who was also just sworn into her position last Friday.

"I am just an honorary consul," noted Benavente, adding that, although he has been cleared for the role by the U.S. State Department, he is "still learning."

Benavente noted that he has already initiated discussions with the FSM president on some issues.

"The president is excited in providing more services to the FSM citizens here in the CNMI," he said, adding that one of his targets is to reach out to FSM citizens on Tinian and Rota.

According to Benavente, Christian made public his appointment as honorary consul in May 2018, at the 23rd Micronesia Islands Forum.

"I am so honored. I'm so lucky," he said, adding that he had no reservations when Christian called him to ask if he was willing to be FSM consul to the CNMI.

"At this point, it is just about making myself available to listen and to try to help out with their needs," said Benavente of his expectations. He noted that an accurate count of FSM citizens in the CNMI remains one of his goals.

"I am very happy that we've done this so that FSM citizens here would at least have someone to talk to. [Benavente] can relay to us the concerns of our citizens," said Christian.

Filepin noted that she looks forward to working with Benavente on future projects.

"…FSM citizens are facing numerous issues in Guam, so there are several programs that are ongoing," she said, adding that she would be meeting some of the FSM organizations in Guam and how she and Benavente could assist them.

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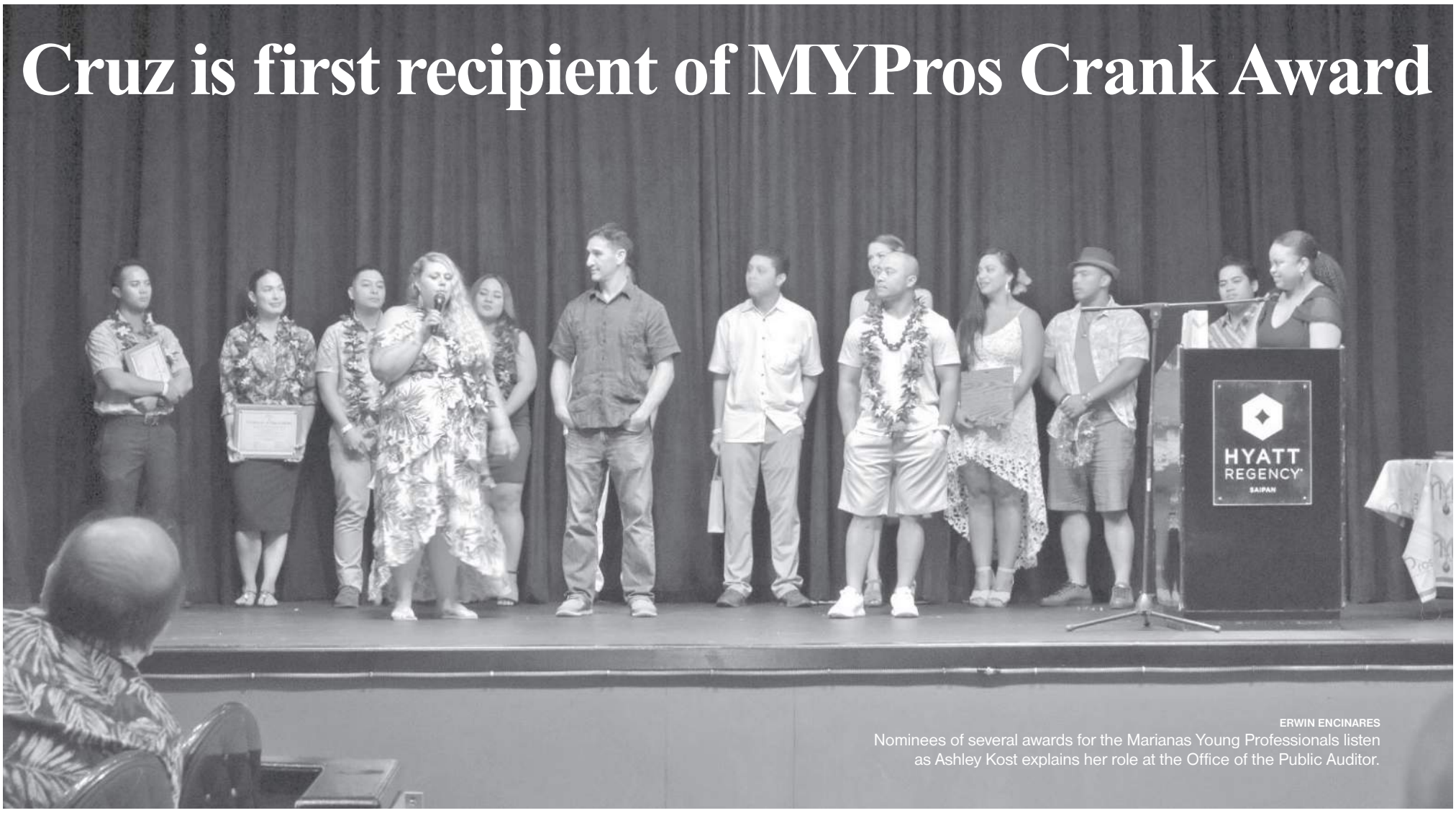
Cruz is first recipient of MYPros Crank Award



ERWIN ENCINARES
Nominees of several awards for the Marianas Young Professionals listen as Ashley Kost explains her role at the Office of the Public Auditor.

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Bonny Cruz is the recipient of the first Crank Award that was presented during the Marianas Young Professional's 3rd annual anniversary party at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.

Three other awards were given out during the event, including the Volunteer of the Year award, which went to Brent Deleon Guerrero, the Spotlight Award, which went to Monique B. Sablan, and the Young Professional of the Year award, which went to James Lee.

The Crank Award, which, according to MYPros vice president Nola Hix, goes to individuals who have excelled in sports and is named after mixed-martial arts fighter Frank "The Crank" Camacho, was awarded to Cruz, who has excelled not only in sports but has also overcome several obstacles, such as open-heart surgery at the age of 16.

"Receiving the Crank Award is an honor," said Cruz. She noted that Camacho "exemplifies an essential quality of great leadership—perseverance."

"I am so grateful for the MYPros for acknowledging my achievements and I am so honored to have received the Crank Award."

Cruz represented the CNMI at the 2017 Micronesian Cup in Guam with her all-woman's outrigger canoe team, the Marianas Pacific Paddlers, or MPP. Her team went on to win gold for the CNMI in the 1000-meter sprints and 5th place in the 500-meter sprints.

During the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap, Cruz represented the CNMI in the Olympic weightlifting events. "More importantly, I hit new personal records in both lifts—the snatch and the clean-and-jerk. Achieving a personal best is the most rewarding feeling in my opinion," she wrote in a statement.

Cruz's long list of achievements includes her being a certified scuba diver. Cruz also holds a master's degree in International Teaching through the Framingham State University. She plans to pursue a doctoral degree.

Cruz teaches at the Koblerville Elementary School as a fifth-grade teacher and is a member of the KES leadership team for the past five years. She is also an instructor of the Education Technology Program.

Achieve CNMI Inc. members undergo substance abuse prevention training

Achieve CNMI, Inc., a nonprofit organization established in 2013 focusing on community advocacy in the CNMI, sent four of its members to the Botvin LifeSkills Training of Trainers Workshop in Golden, Colorado last August.

Funding was provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center.

Botvin LifeSkills Training, or LST, is an evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention program that is uniquely designed to be flexible and interactive. The LST program has been extensively tested and proven effective at reducing tobacco, alcohol, opioid, and illicit drug use by as much as 80 percent. Long-term follow-up studies also show that the LST program produces prevention effects that are durable and long-lasting.

The two-day advanced training workshop taught Achieve members how to conduct LST workshops and train those in any organization to teach and implement the LST program.

With the enactment of Public Law 20-66 or the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018 by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Sept. 21, Achieve CNMI, Inc., with the LST program, comes at a perfect time by providing support and ensuring the LST program is implemented in the community.

Last year, LST was implemented in two public schools, William S. Reyes Elementary School and Hopwood Middle School. This year, Achieve will work with more schools to implement the program.

With the implementation of the LST program in the community, CNMI children will be aware and informed of the effects of illicit drug use on their mind and body and will make wise decisions.

Achieve CNMI, Inc. currently has four certified LST trainers and more than 10 instructors certified to teach the LST program.

For more information on how to implement LST at your school, email achievecnmi@gmail.com or message the group on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/achieve.nmi/. ***(PR)***

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From left, James Jucutan, Alayne MacArthur, Naomi Nishimura, Rebecca Flores, and Tracy Del Rosario.

Guam Marine Corps Base to be renamed

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Marine Corps' main cantonment area in Guam will be named in honor of the late Brig. Gen. Vicente "Ben" Tomas Garrido Blaz.

The Department of the Navy notified Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) that the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert B. Neller, concurred with her recommendation and is endorsing Marine Corps Base Guam to be named after Blaz.

Bordallo petitioned the Department of the Navy to honor Blas through a commemorative naming of the Marine Corps Base currently under construction in Finegayan, Guam. In his recommendation to Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer, Neller commented "we believe (the commemoration) is in the best interest of the Marine Corps, and reflects the strong and unique relationship of the Marine Corps and the people of Guam."

Blaz was born in Guam and is the highest ranked Chamorro to have served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of Guam's greatest generation and was survivor of the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 29 years, including as command of the 9th Marine Regiment, one of the units that liberated Guam.

Following his distinguished military career, Blaz was elected to represent Guam in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served four terms as Guam's delegate to Congress. He passed away in January 2014 and was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. ***(PR)***

New MHS cafeteria can accommodate over 400

The new Marianas High School cafeteria, which is expected to open next month, is reportedly capable of accommodating over 400 students.

According to MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera, the new MHS cafeteria could easily seat 418 of the estimated 1,550 students of the CNMI's most densely populated school.

The old cafeteria, she noted, could house only about 180 students—up to a maximum of 250, including the immediate area outside.

"A lot of students just can't eat in the cafeteria," said Cabrera. "…They eat elsewhere from the cafeteria simply because they physically don't fit."

While construction of the new $2.5-million cafeteria broke ground during the second quarter of 2017 and was originally slated to finish in January 2018, the official opening was delayed, Cabrera said, due to the finding of what is believed to be an ancient Chamorro burial site.

"...The Historical Preservation Office gathered all of the remains, put it in a box…and did [another burial] here," she said, adding that she believes the remains were reburied under the foundation of the new cafeteria.

"…All the evidence points to prehistoric [times]," she said.

Waiting for the arrival of new cafeteria equipment, such as an industrial counter, further delayed the cafeteria's opening. "…We are still waiting for specific equipment to arrive before we are fully functional," she said. "There are some counters that we ordered, and we are still waiting for them to arrive."

Cabrera expects them to arrive by November. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Soroptimist NMI welcomes new members

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Soroptimist International Northern Marianas Island adds three women to its membership last Saturday during the "Live Your Dream" gala at the Azucena Room of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan. From left: sponsor Merle Costelo-Hudkins with Abigail Parker, sponsor Donna Krum with Mercilyn Palec, and sponsor Pam Brown with Rachel Ashley Reyes. Far right, Jessica Castro, president of Soroptimist Guam, leads the induction ceremony.

1BEA CABRERA

The Northern Marianas Islands chapter of Soroptimist International welcomed three new members to the club last Saturday during the "Live Your Dream" gala at the Azucena Room of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan.

According to the guest speaker, Soroptimist-Guam president Jessica Castro, they welcome women who will be play a significant part of the club. "Soroptimist membership celebrates the power of individuals working together to create an increased collective impact and making a difference. We thank these women for joining and wanting to make a difference," she said.

"Soroptimist membership is a gift that one gives to herself—the chance to help others in an atmosphere of support, giving, friendship, and fun. These young women have joined an organization that is 'Best for Women' and we know our new members are advocates [and] believes in making the world a better place for women and girls," she added.

The three new members are 2018 Live Your Dream awardee Mercilyn Palec, 2016 Live Your Dream awardee Rachel Ashley Reyes, and Abigail Parker.

"Rachel, Abigail, and I hope to bring a different demographic to the group because we are of the younger generation," Palec said. "Soroptimist International-NMI provides an outlet for all women of all ages to express themselves, be themselves and work toward women empowerment. I am definitely happy to be a part of this."

As a "Live Your Dream" awardee herself, Reyes said that being one of the judges in this year's Live Your Dream award was a challenging experience.

"There were several judges appointed to choose the winner. Picking the awardee was so difficult because all 14 entries had stories that were so relatable and touched my heart…if we had the funds, I wish we could help them all. Palec's need, situation and her commitment to her family, career and education made me feel she was the best applicant in the bunch."

"I have a young daughter and I would encourage her to join Soroptimist when she's of age. The club is not just about women or being a single mothers…It's also about seeing women succeed and supporting them, no matter what walk of life they are in," she added.

Parker, a second-generation Soroptimist NMI member, said it was her mother, Merle Costelo-Hudkins, who paved the way for her to have an interest in joining the club. "My mom has been member of Soroptimist NMI for five years. My first event was the 'Live Your Dream' gala last year and sometimes my mother would bring me to the meetings and I got to know the members and how much they love the club, so that encouraged me to want to be a part of Soroptimist."

"I really admire the kind of bond that they have, coming together to do many things unselfishly for families and the community," she added.

Soroptimist International NMI is a part of the global organization called Soroptimist International of the Americas. To date, there are over 75,000 members in 122 countries.

Three other women—Pina Magofna, Leila Boyer, and Susan Satur—are up for induction at the next Soroptimist International NMI meeting.

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Hearing Room.

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY**
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
   d. Adoption of Minutes
      1) September 28, 2018 – Regular Meeting

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

III. **REPORTS**
   a. Chair's Report
   b. Executive Director's Report

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   a. Professional Services Contract – Janet H. King

V. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. Internet Gaming Operations and Technical Standards
   b. Reorganization

VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VII. **MISCELLANEOUS/ ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB18-GOV-131

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF GLASS PULVERIZER for the TINIAN TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on October 24, 2018 at the Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on **Wednesday, October 30, 2018, 10:00 am ChST** at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente in writing by e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com, on or before **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked ***ITB19-GOV-006 Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station.*** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 21, 2018** and the bid documents must be received no later than November 28, 2018. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 29, 2018.*** However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.***

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 180 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Herman S. Sablan, Director
CNMI Procurement & Supply

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EDITORIAL

Trump's right to reconsider aid money

Last week, a group of migrants set out from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to make the 1,000-plus-mile trip to the U.S. border in hopes of asylum. At this writing, the number of people in that group has grown to 4,000, who have reached the Guatemalan border with plans to traverse north through Mexico and on to Texas and other border points.

President Donald Trump has dealt with the crisis the way he so often does, taking to Twitter to lash out with all of the subtlety of a bull in a china shop. He has warned Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala that he'll cut off their financial aid if they don't stop their people from attempting to make it to the United States.

What disappoints us is the president's attempt to make people fleeing those countries out to be perpetrators, hoping to storm the United States, instead of victims, fleeing their home country for the chance at a better life.

But while Trump might lack empathy for those suffering, he does make an important point about the use of U.S. aid money to governments that appear increasingly incapable of protecting their own citizens inside their own borders.

Had Trump addressed the issue more diplomatically, he would be more likely to build support for the idea that the way the U.S. administers aid to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras should be on the table for reconsideration.

Drug trafficking, human trafficking, gang violence and corruption have created a climate where people feel safer making the dangerous journey to the U.S. border instead of remaining at home—even as hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. assistance pour in each year.

According to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. disbursed more than $883 million to the three countries in 2016 and 2017. The money is allocated for drug interdiction, counter-drug activities, education and nutrition—the very programs designed to help the people who live there and keep them from fleeing.

But we have to ask if those funds are being used effectively to make these countries more secure for their citizens. U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Pilot Point, first introduced legislation in 2014 designed to reduce foreign assistance to Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala (as well as Mexico) to compensate for the cost of providing federal housing to unaccompanied minors. Burgess also suggested the possibility of redirecting the assistance to U.S.-backed nongovernmental organizations and nonprofits on the ground that are doing the work the government will not.

It's unfortunate that the president offers no thought for the struggling and desperate people who make up the caravan. At the same time, there's no reason not to require countries to use the money U.S. taxpayers send them to foster better circumstances for their people, so they can feel safe inside their own countries. If those governments can't do that, Trump is right. We should find better ways to deliver help to Central America.

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First, dementia stole my mother's smile. Now it's turning our lifelong conversation into silence

By AMY KOSS
Los Angeles Times

Amy Koss writes often for Opinion.

There are millions of people living with all kinds of dementia. Millions. I assume each case is as different as the sufferer. I know my mom's version, but only as a deeply biased observer. She and I have now spent five years negotiating the deterioration of her mind, and yet the conversation we began before my birth continues.

My mom and I were never shoppers. We didn't bowl or work out or cook together. Our thing was always talking, on the phone or on the couch, sharing an afghan. We talked when I was growing up; we talked after I left home and when I went back to visit.

She was never coy with me, she didn't shy away from any topic, but once the dementia began, she wouldn't or couldn't explain what her descent was like from the inside. No matter how I would ask, nag, beg, the only thing she put into words was, "It's like there's a stranger asleep in my bones."

You could call our lifelong conversation gossip, but I always thought we were engaged in serialized nonfiction, never-ending stories about the people in our lives. With spinoffs. I knew most of the characters in her stories. She kept my characters straight with a few prompts. Clara's the one whose Mom lives with her. Debby is the mohel who had us all over one Passover.

Over time, her characters died or simply drifted away. But it isn't death or drift that has threatened to stop our dialogue. Parkinson's dementia did that.

First, it replaced her animated face with what the Parkinson's crowd calls "poverty of expression." That poverty has included the end of hand gestures, nods, shrugs.

Meanwhile, the disease devoured her short-term memory, making storytelling stressful. She not only forgot where she was in a sentence, as we all do, she got lost while forming the intention to speak.

To complicate things further, time seemed to lose forward momentum. She began surfacing in the past, accompanied by the dead. It's 1939, she's at Central High in Detroit with her girlfriends, when her elderly daughter suddenly breaks into the conversation. "Momba? Do you want ice cream?"

Even in the moments when my mom was clearly with me in the here and now, she was unable to picture my distant life or keep track of whether my kids were little or away at college. She repeated questions but couldn't retain the answers.

As her attention span shortened, so did our talks. Once she'd established that everyone was safe, healthy, present or accounted for, she required no further details. It seemed I woke her no matter when I called.

Then, although her vocabulary was still rich, the elegantly enunciated words stopped working together. If I were adept at languages I might have been able to crack the code. I recorded some of our conversations to try, but the syntax changed too quickly for me to learn it. We were talking, but I didn't know what about.

Next, the words went the way of her smile. They melted into sounds. Sometimes I could tell she knew my voice by the relief I heard in hers. And even with garbled lyrics, I still had the melody. Tone, tempo, inflections and pauses. The range of her voice is my mother tongue.

My mother has always been a worrier. Our conversations, such as they were, still opened with some rendition of "Thank God you're alive!" My job, as always, was to convince her that no worry was required. I tried to convey what would calm her, ease away any urgency. Of course, with no short-term memory, she couldn't stay reassured.

Then the music stopped, and she went silent. But our conversation continues.

I still chatter into the phone or at her bedside, listing her nearest and dearest in an attempt to check us off her worry list, in case she still has one. I tell her she's brave. If I let the silence stretch long enough she occasionally makes a grunt that's part throat clearing, part gasp.

I can't bear to imagine how terrifying her situation may be to be her. I've no idea if my voice and words reach her. I don't know if she longs for death, hopes to be cured, or neither. Last time I saw her, she rarely woke up.

I miss those earlier conversations, of course, the ones with story, music, delivery. I miss them down to my bones. But I also miss her abstract babble of just a few months ago. Now I know these barely audible breaths are her last contributions to our dialogue. And the silences between are nothing compared to the silence to come.

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Two paths forward for ocean protection

By IGNACIO V. CABRERA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Dear people of the Marianas: I am writing today to carry on from my letter last week. Sadly, for the last 10 years, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have not been able to live up to the expectations of our community. They have had the mandate to come to our islands and deliver conservation. They were supposed to hire staff and engage us with the management of the Mariana Trench, but to date, they have not. For the last decade, all we've gotten is waiting, waiting, and more waiting. What are they waiting for? The CNMI is tired of waiting. We are ready already.

As I mentioned before, I think we must really concentrate on what we can do now. We can be disappointed, but we cannot give up. For the benefit of our natural heritage and our children, we must make sure the next "monument-decade" is not a repeat of the last. The Friends of the Mariana Trench have been discussing this in our meetings this year and so far, we've come up with a couple of things.

In my last letter, I talked about some of the problems with the way the executive order is written. Most importantly, the executive order didn't include NOAA Sanctuaries as the monument manager. This is important because I want you to understand that what we have is first "the monument that is" and then second, "the monument that could be." There is the monument that we envision one day having (managed by NOAA Sanctuaries), but there is also the monument that exists today (managed by NOAA Fisheries and USFWS). It is my hope that we continue working toward the monument that we want and get the most out of the monument that we have. And, hopefully, one day we will have all the federal programs from NOAA Fisheries, NOAA Sanctuaries, and USFWS benefiting our community —as happens today in Hawaii, American Samoa, and the Florida Keys, and they didn't have to wait 10 years.

The way we see it, there are two approaches we can take and see if we can get any movement. First, we want to keep pushing to get the management plan released. Second, we want to continue trying to work with our CNMI leadership to get them to reconfirm their support for the sanctuary program.

First, there is a missed opportunity between our local government and the federal government, which is the Mariana Trench Advisory Council. One way we can try to push for getting the management plan out is using the MTMAC. This council is made up of representatives from our local government and the federal government, and over the years representatives from Guam have even been invited to participate. It's a place for us to come to the table to discuss our mutual interests and issues. Just like we use the Covenant 902 talks, we can encourage our leadership to use the MTMAC the same way. Our leadership could use the MTMAC to ask the federal government to push formal requests and responses. I don't know for sure, but I don't think that the MTMAC has met in quite some time—like maybe as much as three to four years. If we had active, well informed and well-suited members—appointees without conflicts of interest—on the MTMAC, maybe the CNMI could enjoy the benefits that the National Wildlife Refuge has to offer. While these won't be the same programs and benefits we would get with NOAA Sanctuaries, it would be a step forward. We've seen how working with the federal government in these types of councils helps us move forward. The CNMI government needs to try to make the MTMAC work to get us what we were promised. This is our first approach.

Our second approach is continuing to build toward being selected for the NOAA Sanctuary program. To achieve this, might mean that we have to wait for an administration change. In the meantime, we can show our interest and support by making ourselves visible to the NOAA Sanctuaries. We can continue to do projects, write letters, and talk to each other about marine conservation. The more we are active, the better the chance that we can get the monument we want. Every citizen who cares about our ocean and the future of our people and our culture should call on our leaders to bring the sanctuary program to our islands

These are a couple of things we've come up with and welcome your ideas for reaching our goals too. If you are interested in becoming more active and to help us more hands on, please email to marianamonument@gmail.com.

As always, *si yu'use ma'ase, olomwaay, salamat po*, thank you and God bless.

Public confidence in higher education

By WALTER V. WENDLER
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Walter V. Wendler is president of West Texas A&M University. His reflections are available at www.walterwendler.com.

There is a shifting public perception regarding the value of universities both to society in general as a public good, and to individuals as a private good, according to a recent Gallop study. It is sad for me. I have been involved in university work of sundry kinds since 1975. Republicans, Democrats and the general population all concur: "It ain't what it used to be." Likewise, banks, the presidency, and religious enterprises are perceived with cynicism. Congress is in the basement at 11 percent, and the same survey records the military as held in the highest esteem by 74 percent of voters.

To be sure, the benefits of universities are both economic and non-economic and, simultaneously, public and private. Lifetime earnings of college graduates are higher creating a private benefit. According to *The Conversation*, the economic benefit that universities provide through faculty, staff and students spending money near campuses is significant but difficult to calibrate. Economists and planners try to calculate the amount of pizza that students eat, the property taxes that faculty and staff pay and the value of goods and services that accrue to host communities. These are the very same arguments that justify allocating tax dollars to a football stadium or basketball arena. They have value, but these enterprises are not the same as a university.

There is growing trepidation that universities are increasingly monolithic from a political perspective. Informed observers, such as *Business Insider,* report there is bias on university campuses. There is one Republican faculty member for every ten Democrats according to a study reviewed by *The Washington Times*. University leadership is loath to talk about these issues because common ground is scant and becoming scantier.

In spite of these pervasive concerns, the perception is that higher education is a valuable resource, even when universities themselves are viewed with suspicion. Democrats value higher education and universities more warmly than Republicans do according to the Gallop study.

One overriding cause of these challenges is that universities have, by design or default, worked to become more similar to each other rather than more distinctive. Small rural serving institutions may want to look like a state flagship. The state flagship or the elite private institution serves a more geographically diverse population than the regional institution. A regional institution infected with "flagship envy" or "metropolitan envy" will have to contort itself into something it is not, and cannot be, leaving valuable geographic and local cultural influences behind.

This pervasive pattern permeates legislative thinking: Statehouses use one set of measurements to assess all universities and their effectiveness. Those metrics applied independently of culture, circumstance and geography fall short. One example is six-year graduation rates—the percentage of freshmen that complete their studies in six years. Six-year graduation rates are higher at national universities, flagships or elite private institutions than they are at regional institutions. Of course they are. The idea that all students start college at 18 and finish preferably by 22, but in the worst case at 24 years of age, works on selective campuses. But it's not good for institutions that encourage transfer from a community college or appeal to single parents that work and study while caring for a family. This reality is especially not good as a measure of quality according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

For a regional institution to expect the same graduation rates as the state flagship is a fool's errand. Setting expectations fitted to mission requires honest and open reflection on purpose, cost and the ability to serve those who come calling. Confidence in universities will grow when measures of effectiveness respond to institutional purpose and setting. In addition, the public will quickly realize that not all institutions are equal. The cost-value equation recognizes a lower-priced institution with less stringent admissions policy may graduate students at a lower rate than an international flagship.

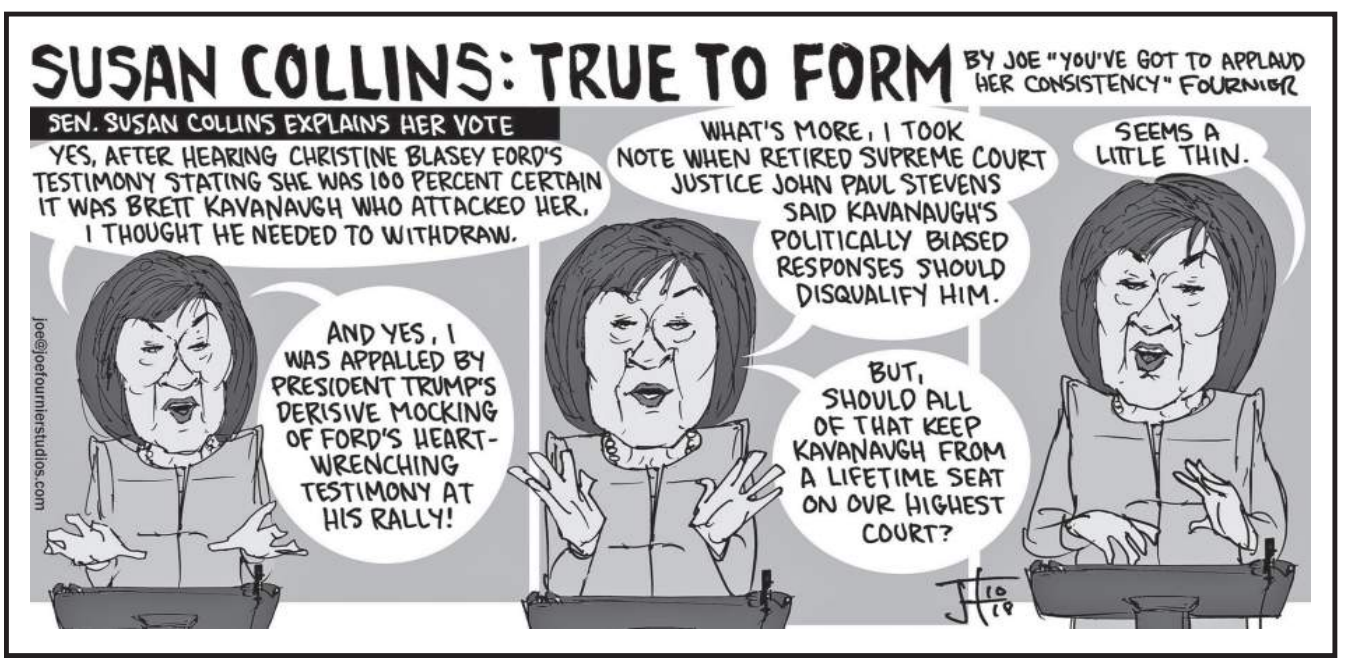
This is a necessary and relevant consideration.

Recognition of purpose and place alone will increase public confidence in universities. It requires transparency from university leadership—not an apology but a commitment to mission and purpose that recognizes distinctiveness as strength, not weakness. When embraced, this simple institutional reality leads to forte not failure. It does not get much simpler than that. State agencies and boards that oversee multiple universities must find ways to create measures of effectiveness that are geographically and institutionally responsive and dependent on distinctive mission and purpose. One size fits one, as the old tailor's admonition goes.

Whether Democrats or Republicans, urban or rural, with or without a university education, I know not. Moreover, who cares?

Shakespeare's timeless counsel from the lips of Polonius to the ears of Laertes applies:

This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.


SUSAN COLLINS: TRUE TO FORM
BY JOE "YOU'VE GOT TO APPLAUD HER CONSISTENCY" FOURNIER
SEN. SUSAN COLLINS EXPLAINS HER VOTE
YES, AFTER HEARING CHRISTINE BLASEY FORD'S TESTIMONY STATING SHE WAS 100 PERCENT CERTAIN IT WAS BRETT KAVANAUGH WHO ATTACKED HER, I THOUGHT HE NEEDED TO WITHDRAW.
AND YES, I WAS APPALLED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DERISIVE MOCKING OF FORD'S HEART-WRENCHING TESTIMONY AT HIS RALLY!
WHAT'S MORE, I TOOK NOTE WHEN RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS SAID KAVANAUGH'S POLITICALLY BIASED RESPONSES SHOULD DISQUALIFY HIM.
BUT, SHOULD ALL OF THAT KEEP KAVANAUGH FROM A LIFETIME SEAT ON OUR HIGHEST COURT?
SEEMS A LITTLE THIN.
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WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
Windy. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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FRIDAY
Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.
▲90° ▼78°

SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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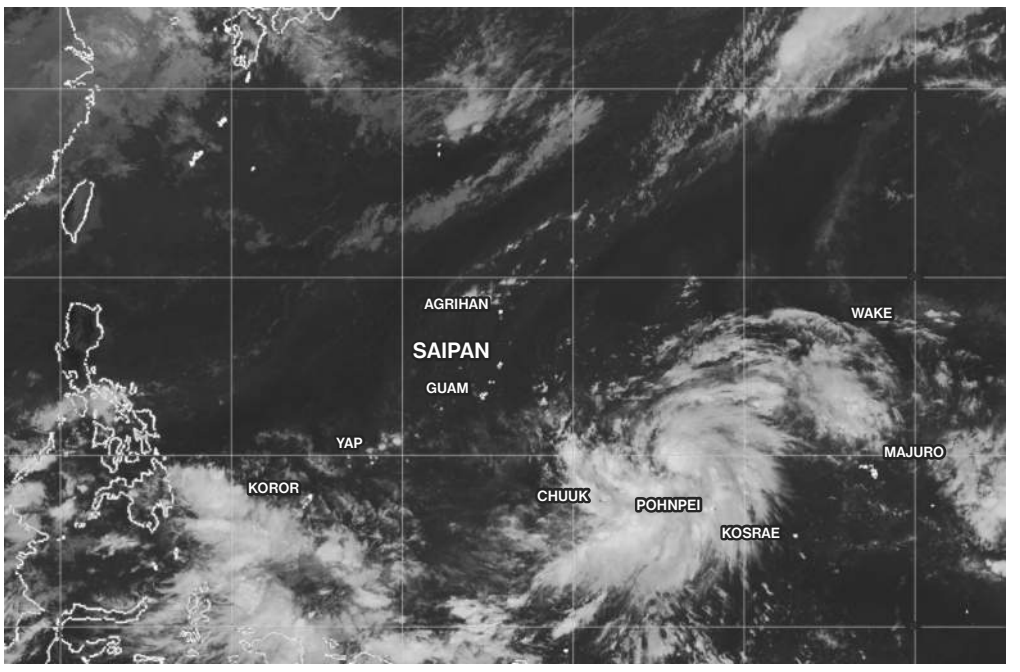
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Have made no important changes to the forecast, as models still show gentle winds and isolated showers through Tuesday. Beyond that, the existing wind grids for Wed-Thu are virtually the same as the latest GFS, with winds approaching tropical storm force for Saipan and Tinian during those days. That forecast is compatible with the JTWC forecast track and intensity for 31W, so no changes for now.

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MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	66° / 54°
Beijing	Sunny	70° / 41°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	81° / 75°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	85° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	57° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	81° / 62°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	63° / 43°
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	83° / 75°
New York	Partly Cloudy	62° / 46°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	73° / 57°
Paris	Sunny	63° / 48°
Busan	Sunny	70° / 52°
Rome	Sunny	75° / 48°
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 50°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	60° / 52°
Seoul	Sunny	66° / 43°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	75° / 57°
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12:49 AM	LOW TIDE	0.45
6:37 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.76
12:50 PM	LOW TIDE	0.46
6:48 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.94

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Wednesday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Friday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	4:39 AM	5:04 PM
Wednesday	-	5:30 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	-	6:23 AM	6:28 PM
Friday	-	7:17 AM	7:14 PM
Saturday	-	8:14 AM	8:03 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA105	4:55am	5:41am	3, 5
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
UA104	11:30pm	12:16am+1	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ625	8:40pm	2:10am+1	7
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	8:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	8:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	8:45am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174 via GUM	10:25pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
PR110/UA174	10:55pm	7:45am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:30am	8:25am	1
UO43	6:00am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	8:45am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:25am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:30am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

Medicaid expansion becomes key issue in GOP-leaning states

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Résumé not working? Run it by knowledgeable friends

Q Despite sending out dozens of résumés, I have never been called for an interview. Since I have 12 years of professional experience and excellent educational qualifications, I don't know what the problem is. I even paid an expert to prepare my résumé, but that hasn't helped. Do you have any suggestions?

A A résumé is a sales tool with a single purpose: to convince an employer to talk with you instead of someone else. So even though you had professional assistance, the absence of interviews may indicate some deficiencies. Consider the following questions:

Do you customize your résumé for every opening? A generic résumé might fail to convince employers that you're special enough to interview. To make a stronger impression, highlight the most relevant aspects of your experience for each position. A careful review of the job description may suggest key words to include.

Does the résumé include everything in your background which might favorably impress an interviewer? Training, certifications, special assignments, leadership roles—even volunteer work—can all help you get noticed.

Have you double-checked for mistakes and misspellings? A single slip-up can make you appear careless and cause employers to worry about the quality of your work. I should probably mention that your email to us contained a couple of spelling errors.

When sending your résumé electronically, do you know how it may look on the receiving end? One applicant learned too late that her fancy bullets had turned into tiny little lips! Stick with standard fonts and formats, and then email some friends as a test.

Have you gotten feedback from knowledgeable acquaintances? If you know folks who work in management or human resources, ask them to review your résumé from an employer's perspective.

Finally, take time to network with people in your field. Connect with contacts from the past 12 years and make new ones through professional associations or interest groups. Interviewers often give first priority to applicants referred by someone they know.

Q Our human resources director recently informed me that my bosses were concerned about my coming in late. As an administrative assistant, I report to two different managers who have never mentioned this issue.

After I sent an apologetic email, both my bosses said it wasn't a big deal and that the complaint was based on the HR director's own observations. If my being late doesn't bother them, I don't see why it's any of her business. What's your opinion?

A While your HR director may have slightly shaded the facts, her department is responsible for seeing that policies are applied consistently. So it doesn't really matter where this complaint originated.

If your workplace has a standard start time, these early morning absences may create problems for other people. Colleagues might have to answer your phone, for example, or be unable to find you when they need something. Those who make the effort to arrive on time could view tolerance of your tardiness as favoritism.

It's quite possible, therefore, that this issue was raised by your punctual coworkers. And it's also possible that your managers aren't as indifferent as you think. The good news, however, is that you can easily solve this problem with self-discipline and proper planning.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—For nearly a decade, opposition to former President Barack Obama's health care law has been a winning message for Nebraska Republicans.

It's helped them win every statewide office, control the Legislature and hold all the state's congressional seats. So it was something of a surprise for Bob Tatum when he set out to ask his fellow Nebraskans if they would back a ballot initiative to expand Medicaid, one of the pillars of Obama's health overhaul.

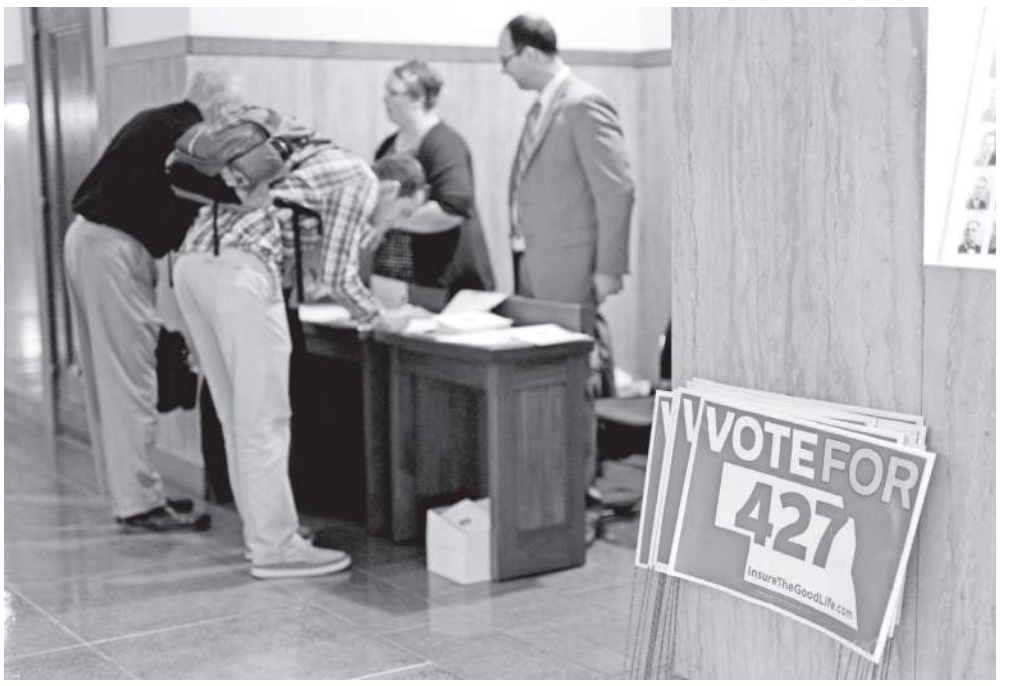
"There seems to be a lot more support than I anticipated," said Tatum, who lives in a remote town near the Colorado border.

It took him little more than a week to gather over 100 petition signatures in Perkins County, where roughly 70 percent of the 1,963 registered voters are Republicans. Tatum, 66, also is a Republican but differs from most of his party's elected officials. He supports the Medicaid expansion because his job as an ambulance driver brings him into frequent contact with working people who can't afford insurance but earn too much to qualify for regular Medicaid.

"When I was circulating petitions, pretty much everyone signed it without objection," Tatum said. "I didn't expect that to be the case in rural Nebraska."

Nebraska isn't the only conservative state where residents are bypassing a legislature that has refused to expand Medicaid.

Voters in two other Republican-dominated states, Idaho and Utah, also will decide in November whether to expand the health insurance program to more lower-income Americans. Another ballot initiative, in Montana, seeks to raise a tobacco tax to keep funding a Medicaid expansion that is set to expire.



In this Oct. 16, 2018 photo, yard signs are stacked outside a public hearing in Lincoln, Neb., for Initiative 427, the Medicaid Expansion Initiative. AP

It also has become a focal point in numerous governor's races.

The election-year push in conservative-leaning states for one of the main aspects of Obama's health care law has surprised many Republican lawmakers after they spent years attacking it.

Most GOP lawmakers in Idaho staunchly opposed expansion efforts there and cast it as a welfare program that would deepen the state's reliance on the federal government. Supporters responded by gathering more than 75,000 petition signatures, far exceeding the minimum threshold to qualify for the ballot.

Expansion advocates launched a petition drive in Utah after continued resistance from the Republican-dominated Legislature. Utah lawmakers did expand coverage to about 6,000 of the state's neediest residents last year and approved another expansion measure with work requirements, but the federal government hasn't yet accepted that plan. Expansion advocates say it still leaves tens of thousands of people without insurance.

Other states have seen Medicaid expansion become a top issue in their governor's race, with Democratic candidates forcing Republicans to defend their opposition.

In Tennessee, Democratic contender Karl Dean argues that the state already has lost out on $4 billion in federal money by refusing to participate.

"That money is being spent in other states," Dean said in a recent debate. "We need to get our Medicaid dollars back here."

His Republican opponent, Bill Lee, noted that Tennessee had expanded its Medicaid program long before Obama was even in office, but rolled it back in 2003 to balance the budget.

"We expanded Medicaid before, and it ended up failing and it almost broke the state," he said.

Democrat Stacey Abrams is promoting expansion as a way to improve health care access in rural parts of Georgia where hospitals have closed, partly due to the expense of caring for the uninsured. Republican Brian Kemp said Abrams wants to "double down on big government programs that cost too much and fail to deliver."

Medicaid expansion also has been in the spotlight in the Florida, Kansas and Wisconsin governor's races.

About 12 million Americans have gained coverage under the expansion in the 33 states that opted for it under the Obama health care reforms. The program extends Medicaid to cover more low-income adults, including those with no children at home, and the federal government picks up most of the cost.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Brexit minister urges UK Conservatives to unite behind May

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Brexit Secretary has urged rebellious Conservative lawmakers to stop attacking Prime Minister Theresa May and "play for the team." Dominic Raab also said that talks about the U.K.'s exit from the European Union must be tied up by the end of next month to allow enough time for new laws to be put in place. Many of May's pro-Brexit Conservative members are angry after she said she would consider extending a transition period that kicks in after Britain exits the EU on March 29. Raab told the BBC on Sunday such an extension mustn't run indefinitely, and it must resolve the question of the Irish border, a key sticking point stalling negotiations. Raab said it was "understandable that there are jitters" but urged fellow Conservatives to "hold our nerve."

Abe to bring business leaders to Beijing amid US trade spat

BEIJING (AP)—Around 500 Japanese business leaders will accompany Prime Minister Shinzo Abe when he visits Beijing this week, amid an ongoing China-U.S. trade feud that is hurting industries on both sides. A Japanese government official speaking on routine condition of anonymity says Abe's three-day visit starting Thursday will mark a further step in returning bilateral relations to a "normal trajectory" following a 2012 spat over ownership of uninhabited East China Sea islands. China is Japan's biggest trade partner and that relationship has taken on added importance following President Donald Trump's decision to raise tariffs on $250 billion of Chinese goods. Beijing responded with its own tariff hikes on $110 billion of American imports. The official says North Korea will also be among the issues discussed by the two leaders.

Ryanair under fire over racist incident on flight

LONDON (AP)—Ryanair has faced criticism after a video posted online apparently showed the airline's crew failing to take action to remove a passenger who launched a racist tirade against a fellow traveler. The video, uploaded to social media by Briton David Lawrence, showed a man hurling racist insults at an elderly black woman sitting in the same row and demanding she move seats onboard a flight from Barcelona to London on Friday. It wasn't clear what had prompted the quarrel. Lawrence told ITV the man abused both the woman and her daughter, but flight attendants failed to eject him from the flight. The budget airline tweeted Sunday that it had seen the footage and reported the incident to police. It didn't provide further comment.

Nation

Democrats look to Latinos to provide midterm support

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Patricia Lugo rattled off a string of fierce adjectives describing life under the Trump administration—"ugly," "bad," "terrible."

She joined a cluster of other Latinos in a Las Vegas shopping center in listing grievances against the president that included referring to Mexican immigrants as rapists and separating parents from children at the border.

Lugo is determined to support Democrats as they fight back, but she's alarmed that a handful of friends and family have given up on voting.

"They say it doesn't do anything," said Lugo, 56, a promoter for a footwear chain. "And it doesn't matter who votes because (politicians) do whatever they want anyway."

Trump rode to his improbable victory in 2016 by winning a troika of Rust Belt states where there are relatively few Latinos. This was supposed to be the election Latinos struck back.

Many Democrats presumed that Latinos, who are largely clustered in a handful of states, would be better-positioned to flex their muscles and punish the president for his actions and rhetoric targeting Latino immigrants—most recently when he pledged to send troops to the border to block a northbound caravan of Central American migrants.

Latinos had been poised to play a prominent role in several House races in California and Senate races in Florida and the southwest.

But as Election Day nears, polling shows it's more affluent and predominantly white college-educated women with whom Democrats have made the most inroads, while Latinos haven't fully turned against Trump and his Republican Party.

"Donald Trump is the most hostile president to Hispanics in American history, yet Donald Trump has between a 25 percent and 35 percent approval rating among some Hispanics—higher than 40 percent in Florida," said Fernand Amadi, a Florida-based Latino pollster.

About 25 percent of Latino voters are reliable Republicans, but others seem willing to support the GOP amid the solid economy.

"From their perspective, this Trump's crazy and a bigoted loudmouth, but we deal with people like this in every day of our lives," Amadi said.

The relatively tepid showing for Democrats so far from some Latino voters was evident this month when the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which supports House candidates, trimmed its financial support from candidates trying to oust Republican congressmen in one west Texas district and another in California's Central Valley.

In Texas, polls indicate enough Latinos are sticking with Republican Sen. Ted Cruz that he is likely to fend off a challenge from Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke. And in Florida, Arizona and Nevada, Democrats remain neck-and-neck with Republicans in Senate races.

In this Oct. 17, 2018, photo, members of the Culinary Union listen to Democratic candidates during an event at the union hall in Las Vegas. AP

Still, there are positive signs for Democrats among Latinos.

Gil Cisneros, a former Naval officer and philanthropist, more than doubled Latino turnout when he won the June primary for a formerly GOP open House seat in Southern California. Democrats report initial signs that Latinos are requesting ballots at a higher clip in California—home to several competitive House races—and that early Latino voting is strong in a district in southern New Mexico that has long been held by the GOP.

Democrats predict there will be a significant bump in Latino turnout, but they're not sure it'll be enough.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is spending $25 million to reach out to Democratic voters who normally sit out midterms, including Latinos. Rep. Ben Lujan of New Mexico chairs the organization. Executive director Dan Sena says the group understands that Latinos need extra attention and candidates they can believe in.

"You can show up to vote against the president, but you also need a candidate who shares your values," Sena said.

The politics of Latinos are diverse, ranging from older, GOP-leaning Cuban émigrés in Florida to newly naturalized Democratic-leaning Mexican immigrants in the Southwest, to families in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado that have lived in the country for generations.

Politically, they have one thing in common: They vote less in midterm elections. Latinos lag behind blacks and whites in turnout and their participation typically plummets in non-presidential years.

In 2014, for example, only 27 percent of eligible Latinos cast a ballot compared to 46 percent of whites and 41 percent of blacks. Polls show elevated excitement about voting in November among all groups, but Latinos still lag.

"We're younger. We haven't voted as much. There's an intimidation factor," said Chuck Rocha, a Democratic strategist who noted the average age of a typical Latino eligible to vote is 27, while the typical white is 40. Rocha and other Latino Democratic strategists worry the party has taken the community for granted rather than wooing them with the intensity with which it has targeted white college-educated women.

Warren took DNA test to help rebuild 'trust in government'

NEW YORK (AP)—Democratic U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren said Sunday that she changed her mind recently and took a DNA test proving her heritage because Americans' trust in government is "at an all-time low" and she wanted to help rebuild it by being transparent.

The incumbent Massachusetts senator spoke at her second debate against Republican state Rep. Geoff Diehl in the U.S. Senate race.

She was asked by a moderator why she had said, in March, that no DNA test was needed to prove she had some Native American heritage. She said she ultimately took the test, reporting the result last week that showed a relative six to 10 generations ago was Native American.

Ultimately, she said, she took a DNA test because she believes one way to rebuild trust in government is by posting her full family history online "so anybody can take a look. ... I believe one way that we try to rebuild confidence is through transparency."

Diehl shot back that the issue "is not about Sen. Warren's ancestry, it's about integrity in my mind, and I don't care whether you think you benefited or not from that claim, it's the fact that you tried to benefit from that claim that I think bothers a lot of people and it's something you haven't been able to put to rest since the 2012 campaign," when she first mentioned having Native American heritage that led President Donald Trump to start mocking her by calling her "Pocahontas."

6 shot on street near north Florida stadium before NFL game

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Six people have been wounded in a street shooting blocks from the Florida stadium where the NFL's Houston Texans played and defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday afternoon, authorities said.

Ron Lendvay, director of investigations for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, said several shots rang out about 12:35 p.m. Sunday on a boulevard in the stadium's general area and that five men and one woman were hit by gunfire. All were rushed to hospitals, and the sheriff's office tweeted that three of the victims were in critical condition. The victims ranged in age from their 20s to the 70s, according to Lendvay.

The shooting broke out before the scheduled 1 p.m. start of play. Lendvay reported no link to the game, which went on without incident, and said investigators were investigating whether it was gang-related.

The Texans won their fourth consecutive game Sunday, defeating the Jaguars 20-7 to take a one-game lead in the AFC South at the stadium, TIAA Bank Field.

Local media reports cited authorities as saying the shooting had had no impact on game day activities though some fans headed to the game reported hearing the gunfire.

Lendvay told reporters that a shooter fired from the passenger side of a gray, four-door sedan driven by a companion and that the victims were hit outside on the sidewalk near a laundromat. He said the car immediately drove off and that detectives had been checking surveillance video in hopes of identifying the vehicle and those involved.

"There were at least two people in the car," Lendvay said. He added that investigators didn't know if any others were in the car and he didn't rule out the possibility of other shooters elsewhere.

"This may be gang-related based on information obtained in the early stages of the investigation," he told reporters Sunday, declining to elaborate.

Some fans told local broadcast outlet New4Jax that they heard shots as they headed to the stadium.

"We had just parked our cars," Vanessa Holmes told the new outlet, adding she and some family members were walking when it happened. "We heard the shots. We didn't know if we should fall to the ground. We didn't know what to do," she said.

Others told the broadcast outlet that they saw people running out of the coin laundry business when the shots were fired.

Some said it was a series of shots.

"We were over there talking and suddenly, it was like ten gunshots. We ran and went for cover and then I saw the police, and people were crowding down there," a woman identified as Yvonne Lee told News4Jax.

An update on the conditions of the wounded wasn't immediately available late Sunday and they were not identified by name.

"A couple of them were in very serious condition on their arrival at the hospital," Lendvay said. He added that five of the wounded were rushed by paramedics for emergency care and the sixth by private vehicle.

He said authorities have been unable to immediately determine whether there was any relationship among the wounded, noting none could be immediately interviewed though authorities hoped to do so later.

"It's hard to say if they are all associated or not," he added.

Asia

Rescuers search site after train crash killed 18 in Taiwan

DONGSHAN TOWNSHIP, Taiwan (AP)—Rescuers searched through wreckage Monday after one of Taiwan's fastest passenger trains derailed on a curve along a popular weekend route, killing at least 18 people and injuring more than 180 others.

The Puyuma express ran off the tracks late Sunday afternoon as it went around a bend, throwing train cars into a zig-zag pattern with five left lying on their sides. There was no immediate word on the cause. Survivors interviewed by Taiwan's official Central News Agency said the driver had applied emergency brakes multiple times before the train derailed.

Most of the deaths were in the first car, and it was unclear whether other people were trapped in the train, according to a government spokesman, who spoke on the customary condition of anonymity.

Some passengers were crushed to death, Ministry of National Defense spokesman Chen Chung-chi said. "Their train car turned over. They were crushed, so they died right away," Chen said.

Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen visited the crash site in Yilan County in the island's northeast early Monday morning and said her government had instructed the authorities to work quickly to investigate the cause of the derailment.

One of Taiwan's fastest passenger trains derailed on a curve along a popular weekend route, killing at least 18 people. (Oct. 21)

The train had been carrying more than 360 passengers from a suburb of Taipei in the north to Taitung, a city on Taiwan's southeast coast.

Earlier, the government put the death toll as high as 22, but the National Fire Agency, citing the Cabinet spokesman's office, later reduced that figure and blamed a miscalculation.

Local television reports said passengers tried to escape through windows and bystanders gathered to help before rescuers arrived.

One of the eight cars tipped at about a 75-degree angle, with its entire right side destroyed.

Fearing people may be trapped beneath the car, firefighters with lights on their hard hats peered underneath as a crane prepared to upend it. The firefighters were joined by soldiers and Buddhist charity workers who gathered on both sides of the tracks.

Soldiers removed bodies to identify them, but nightfall complicated the rescue work.

On a live feed provided by Taiwan's United Daily News, rescuers could be seen carrying what appeared to be a body wrapped in white plastic away from the site.

Searchers walked through an upright car with flashlights. The search-and-rescue work was to continue until early Monday to make sure everyone aboard was accounted for, Premier William Lai told reporters shortly after midnight.

"The underlying cause should be investigated to the maximum extent to avoid anything like this happening in the future," Lai said. "We will make the whole thing transparent."

Ensuring that rail traffic goes back to normal is also a priority, he said.

Most people who were seriously hurt suffered head injuries and one was bleeding internally, said Lin Chih-min, deputy director of Luodong Boai Hospital, where four people were in intensive care. The hospital had treated 65 people total.

The Puyuma was launched in 2013 to handle the rugged topography of Taiwan's east coast. It is distinct from the high-speed rail that runs on the west coast. The Puyuma trains travel up to 150 kilometers (93 miles) per hour, faster than any other in Taiwan except for the high-speed rail.

The train that derailed had its most recent inspection and major maintenance work in 2017, Taiwan Railways Administration Director Lu Chie-shen said at a televised news conference.

Sunday's derailment was at least the third deadly rail accident in Taiwan since 2003.

A tourist train overturned in the southern mountains in 2011 after a large tree fell onto the rails. Five Chinese visitors were killed.

A train on a test run ignored a stop sign and crashed into another train in northeastern Taiwan in 2007. Five people were killed.

And in 2003, a train derailed near a mountain resort, killing 17 people. Investigators blamed brake failure.

The Taiwan Railways Administration bought the Puyama from Japan's Nippon Sharyo in 2011 in a 30 billion yen ($260 million) deal. The eight-car trains are designed to tilt when going around curves and have a maximum speed of 150 kph. The company's announcement at the time said the trains were part of a 1.45 trillion Taiwan dollar ($46 billion) upgrade of the line along Taiwan's east coast.

Workers survey the aftermath of a train derailment in Yilan county, northeastern Taiwan Monday, Oct. 22, 2018. AP

2 Koreas, US-led UN Command meet again at Koreas' border

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Military officers from the two Koreas and the U.S.-led U.N. Command met again at the Koreas' border village Monday to examine an ongoing effort to disarm the area.

Demetallizing the Panmunjom village inside the Koreas' heavily fortified border was among many agreements the Koreas struck in September to lower military tensions between the rivals.

Under the deals, troops from the Koreas began clearing mines from Panmunjom earlier this month before withdrawing weapons and guard posts there. They eventually plan to have 35 unarmed personnel from each side guard the village.

Monday's trilateral talks are the second in kind in about a week. Officially, the village is jointly overseen by North Korea and the U.N. Command, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War that ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

The talks are to review the demining work and discussing future steps in the area, South Korea's Defense Ministry said in a statement.

As part of the September agreements, the two Koreas are removing mines from another frontline area where they plan their first-ever joint searches for the remains of soldiers killed during the Korean War. The Koreas also plan to establish buffer zones along their land and sea boundaries, and a no-fly zone above the border.

General-level officers from the Koreas are to meet at Panmunjom on Friday to discuss more details about how to implement the tension-reduction deals, according to the South Korean Defense Ministry.

Also Monday, officials from the Koreas separately met at their recently launched liaison office at the North Korean border town of Kaesong for talks on how to cooperate in forestry sectors.

Seoul's liberal government is pushing for greater engagement with North Korea, but U.S. officials say such moves should be in tandem with global efforts to denuclearize North Korea.

PM formally apologizes to Australian child sex abuse victims

SYDNEY (AP)—Prime Minister Scott Morrison delivered a formal apology on Monday to Australia's victims of child sex abuse, saying the nation must acknowledge their long, painful journey and say sorry.

His emotional speech delivered in Parliament before hundreds of survivors followed the conclusions of a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the nations' highest level of inquiry.

"Today as a nation we confront our failure to listen, to believe, and to provide justice," he said, adding: "We say sorry."

The four-year inquest that delivered its final report in December revealed shocking evidence from more than 17,000 survivors and heard allegations against government, church and private institutions, as well as prominent individuals. It also heard evidence from leaders such as Vatican Cardinal George Pell, who is charged with committing historical sex abuses himself and was accused of failing to protect children.

Morrison said it was time for Australia to confront key questions.

"Why weren't the children of our nation loved, nurtured and protected? Why was their trust betrayed?" he said.

"Why did those who know cover it up? Why were the cries of children and parents ignored? Why was our system of justice blind to injustice? Why has it taken so long to act? Why were other things more important than this, the care of innocent children? Why didn't we believe?"

Morrison said nothing could be done to right the wrongs inflicted on children.

"Even after a comprehensive royal commission, which finally enabled the voices to be heard and the silence to be broken, we will all continue to struggle," he said.

"So today, we gather in this chamber in humility, not just as representatives of the people of this country, but as fathers, as mothers, as siblings, friends, workmates and, in some cases, indeed, as victims and survivors."

The lawmakers stood for a minute's silence following the apology, which came with the announcement of government plans to create a museum and research center to raise awareness and understanding of the impacts of child sexual abuse, and to ensure the nation does not forget the horrors victims have suffered.

The research center will also assist those seeking help, and guide best practice for training and other services.

The government will also commit to reporting every year for the next five years on the progress of the royal commission's recommendations.

It has already accepted 104 of the commission's 122 recommendations, including a redress payments program, with the other 18 still under examination.

The government has also established a new office of child safety, to report to the prime minister.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten joined the apology, saying Australia had failed tens of thousands of children, across generations.

"Our nation let you down. Today, we offer you our nation's apology, with humility, with honesty, with hope for healing now, and with a fire in our belly to ensure that our children will grow up safe in the future," Shorten said.

World

Turkey to reveal details of probe into Khashoggi's killing

AP
Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, delivers a speech at supporters in Istanbul, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018.

ISTANBUL (AP)—In a sign of growing pressure on Saudi Arabia, Turkey said it will announce details of its investigation into the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi on Tuesday and U.S. congressional leaders said the Gulf kingdom—in particular its crown prince—should face severe consequences for the death of the writer in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

The announcement on Sunday by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan that he will "go into detail" about the Khashoggi case in a speech in parliament heightened hopes for some clarity in a case that has been shrouded in mystery, conflicting accounts and shocking allegations since Khashoggi, a critic of Prince Mohammed bin Salman, disappeared after entering the consulate on Oct 2.

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has called the son of Jamal Khashoggi, the journalist killed at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul by officials that allegedly included a member of the royal's entourage.

King Salman likewise called Khashoggi's son, Salah.

That's according to statements published early Monday by the state-run Saudi Press Agency. The statements said both King Salman and Prince Mohammed "expressed his condolences"

Khashoggi was killed Oct. 2 at the consulate, where he had gone to get paperwork to be married.

For weeks, Saudi Arabia insisted the Washington Post contributor had left the consulate. The kingdom finally acknowledged his death early Saturday in what it described as a "fistfight."

Turkish media quotes officials saying a team of 15 Saudis removed Khashoggi's fingers, killed him and dismembered him.

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Erdogan spoke after Saudi Arabia, in a statement early Saturday, finally acknowledged that 59-year-old Khashoggi had died in the consulate, though its explanation that he was killed in a "fistfight" was met with international skepticism and allegations of a cover-up designed to absolve Prince Mohammed of direct responsibility. Saudi Arabia said 18 Saudis were arrested and that several top intelligence officials were fired.

Pro-government media in Turkey have reported a different narrative, saying a Saudi hit squad of 15 people traveled to Turkey to kill the columnist for The Washington Post before leaving the country hours later in private jets.

"Why did these 15 people come here? Why were 18 people arrested? All of this needs to be explained in all its details," Erdogan said.

Meanwhile, Istanbul's chief prosecutor summoned 28 more staff members of the Saudi consulate, including Turkish citizens and foreign nationals, to give testimony on Monday, Turkish state broadcaster TRT reported. Prosecutors have previously questioned consulate staff; some Turkish employees reportedly said they were instructed not to go to work around the time that Khashoggi disappeared.

Turkish news agency Anadolu Agency reported Sunday that Khashoggi's fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, has been given 24-hour police protection.

Also Sunday, images that were obtained by TRT World, a Turkish news channel that broadcasts in English, showed Khashoggi as he arrived at a police barrier before entering the consulate on Oct. 2. The images, taken from security camera video, show the writer being searched before continuing toward the building.

Ragged, growing caravan of migrants resumes march toward US

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP)—A growing caravan of Honduran migrants streamed through southern Mexico on Sunday heading toward the United States, after making an end-run around Mexican agents who briefly blocked them at the Guatemalan border.

They received help at every turn from sympathetic Mexicans who offered food, water and clothing. Hundreds of locals driving pickups, vans and cargo trucks stopped to let them clamber aboard.

Besi Jaqueline Lopez of the Honduran city of San Pedro Sula carried a stuffed polar bear in a winter cap that seemed out of place in the tropical heat. It's the favorite—and only—toy of her two daughters, 4-year-old Victoria and 3-year-old Elisabeth, who trudged beside her gleaming with sweat.

A business administration graduate, Lopez said she couldn't find work back home and hopes to reach the United States, but would stay in Mexico if she could find employment here.

"My goal is to find work for a better future for my daughters," she said.

In dozens of interviews along the journey, they have said they are fleeing widespread violence, poverty and corruption in Honduras. The caravan is unlike previous mass migrations for its unprecedented large numbers, and because it largely began spontaneously through word of mouth.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with President Enrique Pena Nieto in Mexico City Friday, where he said their conversation was focused on the mass caravan of Central American migrants hoping to reach the United States. (Oct. 19)

Guatemala's migration agency confirmed that another group of about 1,000 migrants crossed into the country from Honduras on Sunday.

After praising Mexico for its no-nonsense response when police at a southern border bridge pushed the migrants back with riot shields and pepper spray, U.S. President Donald Trump again hammered Democratic Party opponents over what he apparently sees as a winning issue for Republicans a little over two weeks ahead of midterm elections.

After blaming the Democrats for "weak laws" on immigration a few days earlier, Trump said via Twitter: "The Caravans are a disgrace to the Democrat party. Change the immigration laws NOW!"

"Full efforts are being made to stop the onslaught of illegal aliens from crossing our Souther (sic) Border," he said in another tweet. "People have to apply for asylum in Mexico first, and if they fail to do that, the U.S. will turn them away. The courts are asking the U.S. to do things that are not doable!"

Hundreds of migrants from the caravan did just that—applied for refugee status in Mexico in the southern city of Ciudad Hidalgo. By Sunday evening, the Interior department reported that it had received more than 1,000 requests.

But a far bigger group forded the Suchiate River from Guatemala to the Mexican side individually and dozens at a time, and resumed the trek at first light, marching 10 abreast on the highway.

"Si se pudo!" they chanted in Spanish—"Yes, we did!"

The throng grew even larger than when the migrants arrived at the border bridge, swelling overnight to 5,000.

It was not immediately clear where the additional travelers came from since about 2,000 had been gathered on the Mexican side Saturday night. But people have been joining and leaving the caravan daily, some moving at their own pace and strung out in a series of columns.

WORLD BRIEFS

Migrants storm Spanish border enclave fence, 200 get in

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Some 300 migrants attacked a fence separating Spain's North African enclave of Melilla from Morocco on Sunday, an effort that left one migrant dead and saw 200 others enter Spanish territory, authorities said. A representative of Spain's government in Melilla said the migrant appears to have died from a heart attack despite the efforts of medical crews to revive him. The representative said 19 more migrants needed to be treated at hospital for cuts or fractures they received when some 300 sub-Saharan Africans—all men—tried to climb the high border fence. The official said 200 migrants reached Spanish territory and six Civil Guards received non-serious injuries in the assault. On the water, Spain's maritime rescue service said it pulled 140 migrants Sunday from four small boats that its rescue craft intercepted in the Mediterranean Sea.

Ferry collides with yachts, runs aground near Isle of Wight

LONDON (AP)—A ferry collided with several yachts and ran aground while trying to berth at a harbor on the Isle of Wight off southern England on Sunday, officials and the ferry company said. The accident took place early Sunday when the ferry was sailing from Southampton to East Cowes and was trying to berth at Cowes Harbor in dense fog. The coastguard said about 40 passengers and 16 staff onboard the ferry were safe and no injuries were reported. Lifeboats and a helicopter were sent to search the area after someone reported hearing cries of help at the harbor, but authorities said no one was found in the water or was reported missing. The Red Falcon ferry was refloated later Sunday with the assistance of tug boats and Cowes Harbor was reopened.

Monitor: Blast in Syria's rebel-held Idlib kills 3

BEIRUT (AP)—A Syrian war monitor and an opposition paramedics group say an explosion in the rebel-held northwestern city of Idlib has killed at least three people and wounded others. The Civil Defense, also known as the White Helmets, said Sunday's blast occurred near a mosque killing three people, including a child. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said four people were killed, including a child and a foreign fighter whose nationality was not immediately clear. The Observatory said the blast occurred in al-Qusour neighborhood that is inhabited by many fighters from Uzbekistan and China. Idlib province is the last major stronghold of insurgents and home to many foreign fighters with al-Qaida linked groups. A deal between Russia and Turkey last month averted a government offensive on the area.

Focus

Mega Millions players ponder how to spend record $1.6B prize

A digital billboard along I-90/94 highway in Chicago, displays the estimated Mega Millions jackpot, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018. Friday's jackpot has soared to $1 billion, the second-largest prize in U. S. lottery history. AP

With the Mega Millions lottery jackpot at a record $1.6 billion, people are snapping up tickets across the U.S.

The Powerball jackpot also has climbed. It's up to an estimated $620 million for Wednesday's drawing. That would make it the fifth-largest jackpot in U.S. history.

But much of the focus has been on Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing and what would be the largest jackpot prize in U.S. history.

From San Diego to New York, people are dreaming of how they would spend the money should they beat the astronomical odds of winning.

Little Rock, Arkansas, housekeeper LaCrystal White initially said her first order of business would be to pay off bills and student loans, then buy herself a house and car. But the 34-year-old quickly reconsidered.

"Well, first I'm going to give something back to charity. That's what I'm going to do," White said. "I am. I'm going to give back to charity and then I'm going to splurge. Put up college funds for my kids and just set myself up for the rest of my life."

Then she told everyone who was at the gas station where she bought two Mega Millions tickets on Sunday that she would give them $1 million each if she won. She went on to add that she planned to buy more tickets later.

Arkansas is one of 44 states where the Mega Millions is played. It's also played in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Nathan Harrell was in downtown Chicago for work Saturday when he stopped in at a 7-Eleven and handed the clerk two $20 bills—one for 10 Powerball tickets at $2 each and the other for 10 Mega Millions at $2 each. It's been a few years since he's spent anything on the lottery.

"It's gotta be in the news for me to think about it," the 36-year-old, who works in finance and lives on the city's north side, said.

He said he and his wife have talked over the years about what they'd do if they won, and she said she'd keep working. "So she probably wouldn't want me to quit my job," he said.

Harrell said that as he rode the train to work, he had thought about what else he would. He figures he'd set up a trust fund for his two children.

"We wouldn't sweat the small stuff anymore," he said. "Nothing crazy, but who knows."

In Phoenix, Tim Masterson, a 41-year-old scientist, ran into Kings Beer & Wine, an upscale convenience store and beer bar, to buy seven Mega Millions tickets while his family waited in the car outside.

Masterson paused when asked what he'd do with the money if he won. After looking at the wide variety of beers and ales on the shelves, he said: "I'd buy a brewery."

Nebraska mom Michelle Connaghan said she had mentioned the huge Mega Millions jackpot to her children, which led to a discussion of what the family would do with all that money.

"Other than paying off bills and taking care of family, I think I'd have the most fun going around and doing surprise good deeds for people," said Connaghan, 48, as she picked up pizza for her family and a Mega Millions lottery ticket at an Omaha convenience store. "I think that would be wonderful, to have the ability to help somebody who really needs it.

"And I'm sure we'd take some pretty awesome vacations while we were going around doing our surprise good deeds."

In New York City's financial district, Juan Ramirez, 69, said he would retire from at least one of his jobs. He works as a school maintenance worker and shorter order cook.

"I'd spend it carefully. I'd be prepared before I cash in, go see a financial adviser," he said, saying he would invest the money.

"I've got two jobs. I'd retire from one, maybe two. When I win the billion dollars, I will decide which one to quit.

"I would donate some money to charity, think about the homeless, people with less than me. I would help somebody."

Guillermo Carrillo, 42, of San Diego, works as a roofer and as a dishwasher at a restaurant.

Carrillo, who was buying tickets in suburban National City, dreams of buying a house for his mother in his native Guatemala. Then he would give money to each of his five sisters—also in Guatemala—to spend however they like. His five brothers would get nothing, he said.

For himself, he would buy a house in the San Diego area and replace his old pickup with a new one in his preferred color, red. He would also travel. Tops on his list are Paris, Spain, the ruins in Machu Pichu, Peru, and, of course, Guatemala.

"It's a lot of money and I hope we win," he said.

Dan Higgins isn't typically a lottery player, but he decided to give it a try as he grabbed a coffee at a 7-Eleven in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston on Sunday.

"When it gets over a billion dollars it becomes compelling, so for $2 to potentially get $1.6 billion, that would be a pretty nice return on that investment," said Higgins, 51, who lives in nearby Brookline.

First on his agenda, should he win: putting in his two-weeks' notice at his sales job. Other than that, he says he would take care of the education of his two kids, who will be entering college soon.

"That's obviously an awful lot of money, so I would really just help out my family in any way I could and probably buy a big house on the ocean somewhere."

At an Exxon store in Nashville, Tennessee, clerk Quin Newsom said nearly everyone who comes in is buying a Mega Millions ticket—including herself.

Asked what she would do if she won, the 22-year-old said, "I would split it with my co-workers. We're going to retire from here. And then I'd go to the Bahamas."

Beyond that: "I would invest in something, to keep the money rolling in. ... You gotta think with it."

Earl Howard, a lifelong New Yorker, said he plays the lottery "anytime it's big," even though he has never won anything. The odds of winning the Mega Millions grand prize are about one in 302 million.

"I'm still gonna do it. It doesn't matter what the odds are. You got to be in it to win it, and if you don't try you won't succeed," Howard said while shopping at a 7-Eleven in Brooklyn.

Asked what he would do with the money, Howard said: "Move out of New York. Take care of my mother and my kids and my wife. That's it. Save the rest. Nobody won't know I won." ***(AP)***

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW

2018 Cadillac CT6 Plug-In Hybrid. TNS

Cadillac luxury goes green with China-built CT6 Plug-In

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Cadillac's new CT6 Plug-In Hybrid is built in China? Well, no one should be too surprised, despite the fact the rest of the CT6 family comes from Detroit.

China is a land of major urban pollution, and it leads the planet in its push for electric vehicles. China produced 680,000 electric cars, buses and trucks last year alone—more than the rest of the world combined, according to Forbes magazine. And it plans to sprout 500,000 public charging posts by the end of 2020.

So, yeah, no surprise that Cadillac-parent GM wanted in on that mega-market and built a $1.2 billion factory in Shanghai. The CT6 plug-in should do well in a nation where cities are starting to outlaw gas-engine vehicles downtown, and where folks get great incentives to go electric.

But the new entry from Caddy may do well here, too, with its boatload of features (it comes only one way, fully loaded), and up to $7,500 in federal tax credits, too. And, of course, it drives like a Cadillac: smooth, strong and steady.

It only gets around 31 miles on electric only—on its best day—but there's a helpful drive mode called "Hold" that will use the gas engine alone to preserve the electric for in-town driving. The electric drive is what boosts this CT6 to an eye-opening 62 mpg-e (equivalent) rating from the EPA. But when you run dry and are driving on gas only, expect no more than 25 mpg combined city/highway.

Cadillac calls its powertrain a "blended hybrid." It starts with a conventional 2.0-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine that gets 265 hp. It is mated to a pair of 100-hp electric motors that make up Cadillac's electric variable transmission, or EVT.

Joining the power team is a burly 18.4-kWh lithium-ion battery, wedged between the rear seats and trunk—yes, it steals about 4 cubic feet of trunk space. The battery can be charged in about 11 hours via a typical household 120-volt outlet, and in just 4.5 hours with a 240-volt connection.

Combining the engine and electric motors, the CT6 Plug-In produces an impressive 335 hp and amazing 432 pound-feet of torque. That's comparable to Cadillac's nonturbo V-6. Also comparable is a 0-60 mph time of 5.2 seconds, not bad considering it has to lug around a 400-pound battery within its already husky 4,500-pound frame.

On the road, the CT6 has all the power and get-up you'd expect in a rear-wheel-drive luxury car (all-wheel-drive is not an option). It can reach 150 mph with engine and electric motors working together, and it can do 78 mph on electric alone.

The ride is smooth but there is a persistent hiccup whenever the gas engine takes over from electric. Its road manners are exceptional, staying flat on corners and S curves. Bumps and road divots are nicely absorbed, too, especially in Tour mode. The other drive mode, Sport, offers more aggressive acceleration and a (much needed) boost in steering feel and response.

Inside, it's typical Caddy comfort, luxury and high technology. Hand-stitched, leather-trimmed seats are supportive and come heated, ventilated, and with 16-way adjustment for both driver and front passenger.

Cadillac's CUE information/media system appears on a 10-inch color display and offers navigation, Apple and Android capabilities. There's a 12-inch digital gauge cluster plus a head-up display for quick data at a glance. And it has a rear mirror-camera—with washer!—that allows unobstructed video views behind instead of the reflective view.

A rear-seat, dual infotainment system with wireless headphones allows passengers equal rights to the fun stuff, music and videos. Or, if preferred, a chauffeur can take the wheel while the executive conducts business or enjoys the view through the dual sunroofs.

The battery-squeezed trunk has only 11 cubic feet of space but is deep enough for a pair of golf bags.

High-tech features extend to the safety package, including an automatic park assist that actually steers and brakes the vehicle. It also has adaptive cruise control with automatic braking, blind-spot alert, lane-keep assist and pedestrian braking. Night vision is improved with an infrared image located between the gauges.

So, considering there aren't too many choices for a luxury hybrid sedan, the CT6 is worth a good look. If maximum mileage is your thing, you might do better elsewhere. But the CT6 Plug-In comes fully loaded, remember, and it's still easier on the wallet than similarly-equipped options from the European entries.

NUTS & BOLTS

2018 Cadillac CT6 Plug-In Hybrid

- **MSRP:** $75,095 ($67,595 after $7,500 federal tax credits)
- **What's all the excitement about?** It's built in Shanghai, comes fully loaded, and gets an EPA-estimated 62 mpg-e on gas and electric combined
- **Powertrain:** 2.0-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine plus two 200-hp motors and 18 kWh lithium ion battery; total output at 335 hp and 432 pound-feet of torque
- **How's the performance?** Smooth cruising with 0-60 mph rated at 5.2 seconds; top speed of 78 mph is possible on electric alone.

Motorhome having trouble on long grades

Q We have a 2004 Ford E450 class C 23-foot motorhome with the V-10 engine. It just turned 45,000 miles this week. We did a 500-mile trip this past weekend down I-5 to Medford, Ore., and return to Tillamook, Ore. Pulling long grades the engine surges mildly as if it's running out of gas. Switching out of overdrive helps some, but the surging returns to the point I back off the throttle and accept slower climb to the top. On a 1 to 10 scale it's only about a 2, at worst a 3. O'Reilly Auto Parts did a code scan and found nothing stored.

Are there really two fuel pumps in series? Is there a second fuel filter different from the one inside the frame rails below and slightly behind the driver's seat? Is there some way a human being with normal limbs and joints can access a fuel rail test port? Do I need to pull the doghouse from the interior? It's never been out so far. I've read that some COP electrical connectors occasionally back off causing misfiring. Is this common?

Is my next step installing a pressure gauge on the fuel rail, and watching it while driving under different loads?

— Bob Moody

A: Here are answers to your questions: No, unlike the earlier Ford motor home E350/450 cutaway chassis, there is only one fuel pump, which is located in the tank. There is a sock or strainer prior to the pump, in addition to the frame mounted fuel filter. It has a coarse weave to stop larger particles. A fuel pressure test port is thoughtfully included on one of the fuel rails atop the engine. Connecting a fuel pressure gauge, such as the OTC 5630 or similar, requires removal of the engine cover, also referred to as the "dog house." (Be sure to follow published safety procedures!) I'm not aware of ignition coil connector problems, but they are known to sometimes leak spark due to faulty insulation. Observing fuel pressure while driving is a good diagnostic strategy, but there's an easier/safer way to infer proper pressure, using an inexpensive OBD-II scan tool such as the Autel AL519 or similar. Monitoring the "short and long term fuel trim" will indicate fuel system abnormalities. Ideal fuel correction is within a few percentage points, positive or negative, from zero. A strong positive indication, such as +15 percent or more during a hill climb indicates a shortage of fuel. Depending on conditions you may see this in either short or long term trim, or both.

Typically a misfire or severe fuel issue will result in a check engine light and code set. Your situation may be a bit mild for this to occur. I'd also try using the scan tool's "Mode 6" to look for misfires specific to a certain cylinder. If a cylinder is misfiring, try swapping the ignition coil with a neighbor and re-check to see if the misfire followed the coil!

UNDER THE HOOD

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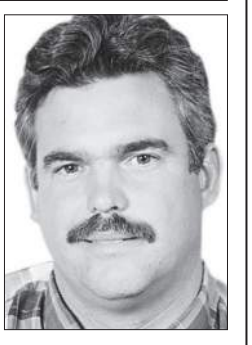

Life & Style

Julia Louis-Dreyfus feted for career achievement in comedy

Julia Louis-Dreyfus is honored with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Washington, D.C. AP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Julia Louis-Dreyfus is one of the best-known comedic actresses of her generation, and now she's being recognized with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor for a lifetime in comedy.

She is the 21st person the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has honored with the award. Jerry Seinfeld, Stephen Colbert and 2010 Mark Twain recipient Tina Fey are among those offering testimonials to her talent.

Fey paid tribute to Louis-Dreyfus at the award ceremony by tracking the similarities between their lives.

"We both started comedy in Chicago. We both moved on the 'Saturday Night Live.' We both lost our virginity to Brad Hall," referring to Louis-Dreyfus' husband and former SNL castmate sitting next to the honoree. Fey praised the "secret precision" of Louis-Dreyfus' comedy and her willingness to make her Seinfeld character so flawed.

"Julia let Elaine be selfish and petty and sarcastic and a terrible, terrible dancer," Fey said.

As celebrity guests arrived before the ceremony, Seinfeld recalled the first time he saw Louis-Dreyfus in action—and knew almost immediately she was a major talent.

His iconic sitcom, "Seinfeld," was still in the planning stages and producer Larry David knew Louis-Dreyfus from their time together on "Saturday Night Live."

Seinfeld said: "We had just two short pages of script, and we sat down to read the dialogue together. As soon as she opened her mouth, I knew she was the one."

Seinfeld also credited Louis-Dreyfus for having the confidence and strength of personality to hold her own on what he called "a very male show."

That confidence was evident very early for Louis-Dreyfus, who said she knew as a young child that she had a gift for comedy.

"The first time I really knew was when I stuffed raisins in my nose and my mother laughed. I ended up in the emergency room because they wouldn't come out!" Louis-Dreyfus said.

She shared her memory as she walked the red carpet on her way into the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

Comedian and director Kumail Nanjiani grew up in Pakistan and never saw an episode of TV's "Seinfeld" until he immigrated to the U.S as an adult.

"But I became a huge fan as soon as I moved here," he said.

The co-writer of the movie "The Big Sick" particularly recalls her iconic, slightly convulsive "Elaine Benes dance" on the show, which he credits to Louis-Dreyfus' gift for physical comedy.

Harry and Meghan travel in different style

SYDNEY (AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Sussex took separate boats Monday to Queensland's Fraser Island as their tour of Australia and the South Pacific continued with a reduced schedule for the pregnant duchess.

Prince Harry took a barge for the 43-mile (70-kilometer) crossing from Australia's mainland to the island, while the former American actress Meghan rode in a far more comfortable cruiser.

Meghan is some four months pregnant and has had her schedule reduced after a hectic start to the 16-day tour.

The Duchess was expected to rest for the first part of the day while Prince Harry undertook several engagements focusing on environmental issues, before rejoining her husband for a reception.

Harry and Meghan touched down midmorning at Hervey Bay, 745 miles (1200km) north of Sydney, in a Royal Australian Air Force plane. The couple descended the stairs hand-in-hand, before going their separate ways: Harry boarding a bus and Meghan a car.

Harry was scheduled for a range of engagements on the world's biggest sand island, known as K'gari in the local indigenous language, on day seven of their Australian tour.

After taking part in a traditional "Welcome to Country" smoking ceremony with representatives of the local Butchulla indigenous people, Harry was set to unveil a plaque dedicating the popular holiday island's pristine rainforests to Queen Elizabeth's Commonwealth Canopy project.

Harry's itinerary also touched on the history of logging on Fraser Island, whose famed hardwood trees were used to build the London's docks in the 1930s.

Harry and Meghan were due to attend a reception and meet Hervey Bay paramedics Graeme Cooper and Danielle Kellam.

The paramedics were to be recognized for their act of kindness after a photo of them last year granting a dying woman's wish to see the ocean at Hervey Bay one last time went viral and captured hearts around the world.

Harry and Meghan are due to leave Australia for Fiji and Tonga on Tuesday. They will return to Sydney on Friday night for the final days of the Invictus Games, Harry's brainchild and the focus of their tour, before finishing off with a visit to New Zealand.

IN LOVING MEMORY

†RONALD LEROY HANSEN

Lovingly known as Ron
Called to eternal life on October 16, 2018

He now joins his:

Parents: †Trygve Levigne Hansen & †June Kirsch Heckard
Stepfather: †Richard Heckard
Mother & Father-in-Law: †Guillermo Cabrera Deleon Guerrero & †Juana Quidachay Aguero
Brother: †David Levigne Hansen
Son: †Matthew Trygve Hansen
In-Laws: †Pasgual A. Deleon Guerrero, †Raymundo A. Deleon Guerrero, †Rosario DLG & †Daniel T. Villagomez, †Vicente A. DLG, +†Remedio DLG & †Antonio T. Villagomez, †Rufina P. DLGuerrero, †Elizabeth A. DLG, †Francisca S. DLGuerrero, †John D. Pangelinan, †Jose A. DLG, †Consolacion A. DLG, †Takeo Nakazato, †John Diego Urumelog

He will be extremely missed and remembered in the hearts of his:

Wife: Mariana DLG. Hansen
Children: **Eric Dean** Hansen (Annette): Anna & children, Allia & children, Andrew, Austin
Juanette Sablan (John Paul): Phillip John & Choleann, Gwendolynn Nicole, Halia Lana
Amanda Judd (Shawn): Trygve H. Palacios, Keala Judd, Saimaanga Judd, Hi'ilei Judd, Anuhea L. Judd,
Ronald Hansen (Juvy): Ethan Alexander, Emma Grace
Brothers/sisters & Family: Sally H. Meditz (Dominic) & children; Ken Hansen (Anna) & children
Brothers/Sisterns-in-Law & Family: Roman A. DLG. & children
Jesus A. DLG. (Visitacion) & children
Angelina A. DLG.
Lorenzo A. DLG. & children
Ramona DLG. Pangelinan & children
Lourdes DLG. Nakazato & children
Bernadita DLG. Urumelog & children

Ron will be greatly missed by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and his many acquaintances.
Ron lived a very happy and fulfilling life with his wife, Mariana DLG Hansen, children and their families. He was loved, respected, admired for being humble, showing unconditional love, being a role model and wonderful father. His life and pleasant memories will forever be instilled in the hearts of his children and their families.

Nightly Mass is being held at Santa Soledad Church, Kagman at 6pm.

Viewing will be held at Borja Funeral Homes in Chalan Kanoa on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 9:00am – 10:00am.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your thoughts and prayers,
MARIANA DLG. HANSEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Murakami enjoys writing because he doesn't know the ending

TOKYO (AP)—Haruki Murakami says he enjoys writing novels because he doesn't know how they'll end.

The Japanese author behind global best-sellers like his latest, "Killing Commendatore" hosted a special radio show on Sunday. He said he starts writing without deciding how the story should end. Ideas pop up as he writes, and he goes with the flow while the stories take shape.

"It's no fun writing a story if I already know how it's going to end," Murakami said. "Because the very person who is writing doesn't know what happens, I think readers would also share the anticipation and enjoy the thrill while reading."

"Murakami Radio" is a prerecorded 55-minute show broadcast only in Japan—his second this year on Tokyo FM after his first in August was a big hit.

Music serves as important motifs in his stories. An avid listener and collector of music, he has also written books on the topic.

During Sunday's show, Murakami played a selection of cover versions from jazz and pop. He opened the show paying tribute to Aretha Franklin, playing her version of Frank Sinatra's "My Way," which he only played partially in his earlier show, a week before the American singer died.

Murakami said he is a "cover maniac" as he likes to listen to the tunes covered in different styles and interpretations.

Murakami, 69, began writing while running a jazz bar in Tokyo after graduating from university. His first novel, "Hear the Wind Sing," came out in 1979, and the 1987 romantic novel "Norwegian Wood" was his first best-seller, establishing him as a young literary star. Recent best-sellers include "1Q84" and "Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage."

A perennial contender for the Nobel literature prize, Murakami got a break from the attention this year when there was no award given in the category due to a committee scandal.

Murakami appeared earlier this month at a talk event hosted by the New Yorker magazine in New York, marking the U.S. debut of his latest novel. Murakami told the New Yorker in August that his original inspiration for the latest novel came from the 18th century ghost story. He said he also wants to write something of an homage to "The Great Gatsby."

Coming clean: Public embrace for celeb addicts offers hope

This combination photo shows Russell Brand at "Eddie Murphy: One Night Only," a celebration of Murphy's career in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Nov. 3, 2012, left, and singer Demi Lovato at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas on May 20, 2018. AP

NEW YORK (AP) — Beneath sparkling chandeliers hanging in the famed Rainbow Room, as a gala crowd dotted with rock stars sat around white-clothed dinner tables, Ringo Starr stood at a podium and described what it felt like to be 30 years sober.

With wife Barbara Bach Starkey — herself a recovering alcoholic — at his side, the former Beatle described what it took for him to get help and called for more resources and acceptance for the treatment movement that saved their lives.

"I was living my life so great," Ringo said at the recent fundraiser for the addiction advocacy nonprofit Facing Addiction with NCADD . "I was one of those really nice pass-out, blackout drunks. Anyway, I came to one night and ... out of a blackout, I came to the next day and I had done a lot of damage. I was about to lose the love of my life, Barbara, and everything else. It was my moment."

Ringo was rewarded with a warm embrace from guests, some in recovery themselves or touched by addiction in other ways. But it wasn't all that long ago, for the high-profile and the Every Kid, that the stigma of addiction was so great careers, families and lives were ruined if word leaked. For some stars, the disease of addiction turned them into public mockeries. The addiction battles of Whitney Houston and Amy Winehouse were comic foils for others, for example.

Such a backlash continues for many, but more celebrities are detailing their struggles and roads to recovery in the moment, taking advantage of social media and the 24/7 news cycle to reveal all, soak up support and reach out.

Demi Lovato took to Instagram with a health update not long after her recent overdose: "I have always been transparent about my journey with addiction. What I've learned is that this illness is not something that disappears or fades with time. It is something I must continue to overcome and have not done yet."

She thanked God and her family — and thousands and thousands of admirers offered up their love on her page.

Ben Affleck did the same after he exited a rehab program for his alcohol addiction. Russell Brand even wrote a book about it, "Recovery: Freedom from Our Addictions," calling this the age of addiction, "a condition so epidemic, so all-encompassing and ubiquitous that unless you are fortunate enough to be an extreme case, you probably don't know that you have it."

Celebrating sobriety, Macklemore recently headlined "Recovery Fest," rocking a crowd of more than 10,000 at a drug- and alcohol-free concert in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, that also included recovery yoga and recovery meetings.

"Whether it's a meeting or whether it's stage I rather just share my experience, strength and hope with the people," the rapper told the crowd.

So how does all the truth-telling and wellness talk trickle down from celebrities to the streets? Nicely, said people on other sides of the equation.

"One of the greatest obstacles for individuals from seeking treatment for addiction is the stigma surrounding addiction and their experience of shame. The more celebrities who are willing to be transparent about their addiction and recovery, the more we can offer hope to all families struggling with addiction," said therapist and drug counselor John Hamilton, who heads outreach for Mountainside, which has a residential treatment facility in Canaan, Connecticut.

Addiction and alcoholism are the No. 1 causes of death in the U.S. for people under 50, according to government data. The cost to jails, courts, hospitals and the price of death itself, along with other factors, are estimated at $442 billion a year, according to Facing Addiction, which recently combined with the more established nonprofit the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

'Halloween' scares up $77.5 million in ticket sales

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Forty years after he first appeared in theaters, Michael Myers is still drawing huge audiences for a good scare.

Universal Pictures said Sunday that "Halloween" took in an estimated $77.5 million in ticket sales from North American theaters.

It captured first place at the box office with the second-highest horror opening of all time, behind last year's "It."

It also marked the second highest October opening ever behind "Venom's" $80.3 million launch earlier this month.

The studio also says it's the biggest movie opening ever with a female lead over 55, in star Jamie Lee Curtis.

David Gordon Green directed "Halloween," which brings back Curtis as Laurie Strode and Nick Castle as Michael Myers and essentially ignores the events of the other sequels and spinoffs aside from John Carpenter's original.

Reviews have been largely positive for the new installment, with an 80 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes and a B+ Cinema Score from audiences that were mostly older (59 percent over 25) and male (53 percent). Internationally, "Halloween" earned $14.3 million from 23 markets.

Blumhouse, the shop behind "Get Out" and numerous other modestly budgeted horror films, co-produced "Halloween" with Miramax. It cost only $10 million to make.

"You take the nostalgia for 'Halloween,' especially with the return of Jamie Lee Curtis, and you combine that with the Blumhouse brand and its contemporary currency in the genre and it just made for a ridiculously potent combination at the box office this weekend," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution.

With 10 days to go until the holiday, including another weekend, the studio expects "Halloween" to enjoy a much longer life than typical horror films that usually drop off significantly after the first weekend.

"Halloween" was enough to bump the comic-book film "Venom" out of the No. 1 spot and into third place. In its third weekend in theaters, it collected $18.1 million, bringing its domestic total to $171.1 million.

1. **"Halloween,"** $77.5 million *($14.3 million international).*
2. **"A Star Is Born,"** $19.3 million *($22.8 million international).*
3. **"Venom,"** $18.1 million *($32.3 million international).*
4. **"Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween,"** $9.7 million *($6.2 million international).*
5. **"First Man,"** $8.6 million *($13.4 million international).*
6. **"The Hate U Give,"** $7.5 million.
7. **"Smallfoot,"** $6.6 million *($14 million international).*
8. **"Night School,"** $5 million *($1.5 million international).*
9. **"Bad Times At The El Royale,"** $3.3 million *($2.5 million international).*
10. **"The Old Man & The Gun,"** $2 million.

Meanwhile "A Star Is Born" held on to second place in its third weekend with $19.3 million. The Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga drama has grossed $126.4 million from North American theaters and is cruising to break $200 million worldwide Sunday.

Damien Chazelle's Neil Armstrong biopic "First Man" tumbled to fifth place in its second weekend earning $8.6 million, down 46 percent from its launch.

It was a particularly busy week at the box office as critically acclaimed films such as the young adult adaptation "The Hate U Give" and the Robert Redford swan song "The Old Man & The Gun" expanded nationwide after a few weeks in limited release.

"The Hate U Give," now in 2,303 locations, placed sixth with $7.5 million, and "The Old Man & The Gun" took 10th with $2.1 million from 802 locations.

A number of well-received indies also made their debuts. At the top was Jonah Hill's directorial debut "Mid90s," which opened in four theaters with $249,500 (or a $62,375 per theater average).

The Melissa McCarthy film "Can You Ever Forgive Me," about the literary forger Lee Israel, grossed $150,000 in five locations.

October has never been a particularly strong box office month, but 2018 has helped to change that. The weekend was up nearly 72 percent from the same weekend last October and the year to date is up nearly 11 percent.

"The industry is on a major roll right now," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "Audiences are responding to movies big and small right now—You can have your cinematic fast food and fine dining all at once right now. The movie-going experience is as viable and relevant as ever."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Marvel universe a slice smaller with Luke Cage cancellation

The Marvel universe just got a slice smaller on Netflix with the cancellation of "Marvel's Luke Cage" after two seasons.

The news Friday surprised fans and came soon after Netflix axed another live-action Marvel series, "Iron Fist." Both are part of The Defenders world and ordered up by Netflix among five back in 2013.

"Unfortunately, Marvel's Luke Cage will not return for a third season," said a statement released by Netflix. "Everyone at Marvel Television and Netflix is grateful to the dedicated showrunner, writers, cast and crew who brought Harlem's Hero to life for the past two seasons, and to all the fans who have supported the series."

Netflix didn't provide a reason for the cancellation. An email request for additional comment was not immediately returned Saturday.

AP
In this June 21, 2018 file photo, Mike Colter attends the premiere of the Netflix original series Marvel's "Luke Cage" season two at The Edison Ballroom in New York.

The Cage series made a splash when it was released because it featured a rare black superhero in a stand-alone vehicle. Mike Colter starred as the bullet-proof hero for hire. The second season premiered in June. Cage creator and showrunner Cheo Hodari Coker responded on Twitter but also offered no insight into why the series was dumped.

"A lot memories. A lot of individual thank you calls to make," he said. "Just want to say thank you to Marvel, Netflix, the best Writer's room, cast, crew, the Midnight Hour, all those who graced the stage at Harlem's Paradise and the most incredible fan base in the world. Forward always..."

Geoffrey Rush's defamation trial against Sydney paper starts

SYDNEY (AP)—Geoffrey Rush's lawyer told a court on Monday the Australian actor was "a national living treasure" who had no scandal attached to his name before a Sydney newspaper last year published allegations of inappropriate behavior toward a female co-star.

The Oscar-winning actor faced a large media pack as he entered Sydney's Federal Court, where a judge is hearing his defamation trial against the Daily Telegraph and its journalist Jonathon Moran.

Lawyer Bruce McClintock said Rush had a stellar reputation before the newspaper's 2017 articles.

Court documents say actress Eryn Jean Norvill complained to the Sydney Theatre Company that Rush had touched her inappropriately during a production of "King Lear" in 2015 and 2016. He has denied the allegations.

The newspaper intends to use Norvill's sworn statement in its defense against the defamation suit, and both Rush and Norvill are expected to testify.

As the judge-only trial began, Rush sat with his wife Jane Menelaus in the courtroom as McClintock gave his opening address to Justice Michael Wigney.

McClintock said Rush had had an "extraordinary career" and was one of Australia's most famous actors.

"As well as giving pleasure to millions, his reputation was stellar, it could not have been higher. No scandal attached to his name," McClintock said.

"On the 30th of November, Your Honor, that was all changed because a gossip columnist in the Telegraph decided to write an article about my client."

The Telegraph's 2017 articles referred to an allegation Rush behaved inappropriately toward Norvill during the "King Lear" production.

A defense document alleged Rush made lewd gestures in her direction, simulated fondling and groping her breasts, and regularly made comments or jokes about her involving sexual innuendo.

He also was accused of touching Norvill's lower back under her shirt when they were backstage, and tracing his hand down her torso and across the side of her breast during a scene in which he was carrying her.

McClintock told the hearing Rush denied the accusations, and would testify he did none of the alleged acts.

Garth Brooks' concert at Notre Dame success despite weather

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—Bad weather tested the devotion of 84,000 fans who went to see Garth Brooks at Notre Dame Stadium over the weekend.

And it appears they really wanted to be at the event in northern Indiana. It was the first such concert in the stadium's 88-year history.

The Indianapolis Star reports that strong winds made it too dangerous to hang speakers above a stage at first. And so the show started an hour late on Saturday. Brooks also had to sing through rain and some snow.

Brooks brought the University of Notre Dame's cheerleading squad and its leprechaun mascot onstage. And he thanked the local crew for making the night feel like "a home game."

The concert was taped for a CBS special that will air on Dec. 2.

Jennifer Garner plays with Arkansas kids at health center

AUGUSTA, Ark. (AP)—Actress Jennifer Garner has brought a little fun to a northeast Arkansas childcare and family health center.

Thee Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports that Garner visited the ARcare Center for Education and Wellness in Augusta, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) northeast of Little Rock, Thursday as an ambassador for Save the Children's Head Start program.

In a video posted to social media, Garner is surrounded by a gaggle of children, whom she sternly—and jokingly—tells not to follow her. She storms off, trailed by toddlers. When she turns around and surprises them, the children scream and laugh.

According to Save The Children's website, Head Start programs provide early childhood education, health and well-being services to low income families and children.

Garner also visited the state capitol.

Parson resigning from CBS board for health reasons

CBS Corp. says that Richard Parsons, its interim chairman, has resigned from its board because of illness.

The media company named Strauss Zelnick, another media industry leader, as his replacement.

CBS named Parsons interim chairman in September as it tried to reshape itself following the ouster of its longtime chief Les Moonves.

Parsons said in a statement Sunday that he was already dealing with multiple myeloma when he joined the board, but "unanticipated complications have created additional new challenges" and that his doctors have advised he cut back on his commitments to ensure recovery.

His successor, Zelnick, currently serves as CEO and chairman of interactive entertainment company Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. ***(AP)***

Teen and stepdad square off over video game purchase

DEAR ABBY: I have two sons, 14 and 10. I just got married a year ago. My husband, "Kurt," has taken on the father role and does pretty well, although I think he sometimes goes a little overboard.

He and my oldest son, "Elijah," worked on a roof together, and because my son made $200 plus a $70 bonus, Kurt got upset with Elijah when he used his money to buy an Xbox. Kurt thinks Elijah should have bought clothes, toiletries and other things he needs because we aren't rich. I agree to an extent, but it's gotten out of hand.

Now Kurt is so upset that he doesn't want to give Elijah another opportunity to make more money for himself. He really made a huge stink about how Elijah spent his money. What to do?

VERY FRUSTRATED MOM IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MOM: "What to do" is to calmly and privately remind your husband that Elijah is 14, and his decisions are not always mature ones. Then suggest he and Elijah work out an agreement that in the future when Elijah earns money, a certain percentage of it will be put into savings, another portion will be used for necessities, and the rest can be used for items at his discretion. It's called budgeting, and it's an important lesson every teen should learn.

DEAR ABBY: My parents—both in their early 90s—have lived with me for three years because they need care. We have maintained their home all this time, but they will never be able to return there.

Although my parents are somewhat cognizant, both suffer with mild dementia and haven't been back to their house for nearly two years. We have enlisted the help of an auctioneer and are planning to sell their house and much of the belongings and furniture. Our dilemma is whether or not to tell them. I'm not sure whether it's kinder to let them believe things are as they have been or tell them differently.

WHAT'S RIGHT? IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WHAT'S RIGHT?: You say your parents suffer from mild dementia. The respectful thing to do would be to have a talk with them about it before you do anything. When you do, remind them that because it has been two years, and maintaining two households is so expensive, you think this would be the prudent thing to do.

You didn't mention whether you have your parents' power of attorney, but if you don't, you should discuss what you're planning to do with your lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I thought I'd share this in reference to the Aug. 22 letter from "Bedroom Secret," the religious man who feels guilty for using graphic language while making love with his wife. It reminded me of a joke about a young married couple who asked their clergyman if it was a sin to have sex before Sunday morning church services. His reply: "It's fine as long as you don't block the aisle."

CHUCKLING IN RUTLAND, VERMONT

DEAR CHUCKLING: Funny! Your joke reminds ME of a quote from the late playwright Oscar Wilde, who said, "I have no objection to anyone's sex life as long as they don't practice it in the street and frighten the horses."

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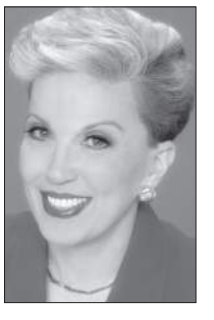

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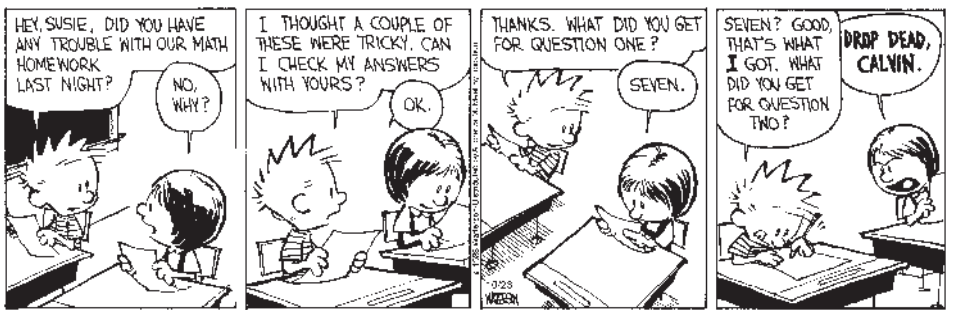
By Bill Waterson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NO, WHY?
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OK.
THANKS. WHAT DID YOU GET FOR QUESTION ONE?
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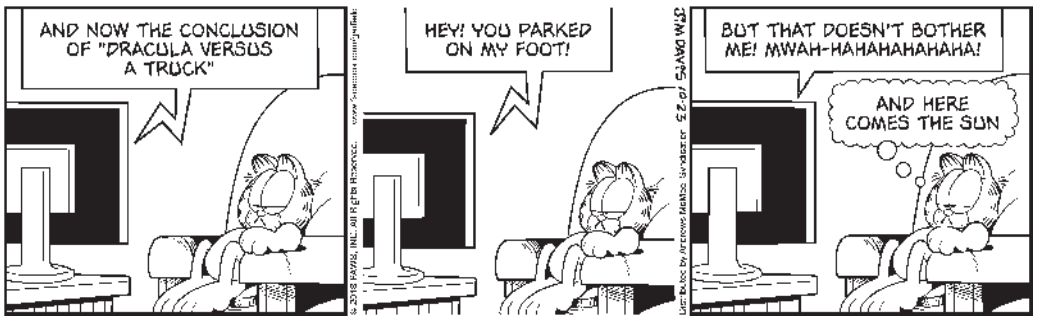
Garfield®

By Jim Davis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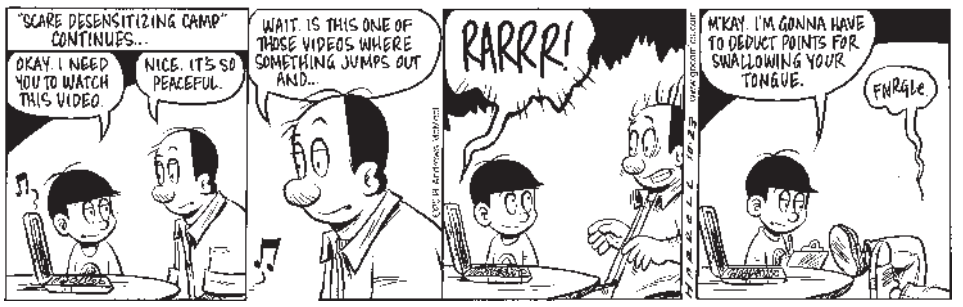
AND HERE COMES THE SUN

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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OKAY. I NEED YOU TO WATCH THIS VIDEO.
NICE. IT'S SO PEACEFUL.
WAIT. IS THIS ONE OF THOSE VIDEOS WHERE SOMETHING JUMPS OUT AND...
RARRR!
M'KAY. I'M GONNA HAVE TO DEDUCT POINTS FOR SWALLOWING YOUR TONGUE.
FNRGLE

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CAN I SEE THE SPORTS SECTION?
OH, NO. MY FOOTBALL TEAM MADE A TERRIBLE TRADE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... CAN I HAVE MY GRANDFATHER'S GOLD WATCH BACK IF I GIVE YOU BACK YOUR SILLY PUTTY?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Rum cake
12 First-rate
13 Estuary
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15 Gin-and-grenadine cocktail
17 Endure
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19 Do a slow burn
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33 Emergency-aid group
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3 Raggedy doll
4 — duck
5 Hee-haw
6 Succor
7 Rubes
8 Ill-fated English queen
9 Latin 101 word
10 Wild party
11 Museo display
16 PC screen type
20 Prior nights
21 Despot
22 Peregrinate
23 Wife of Geraint
24 Army bigwigs
26 Capable of being cultivated
27 Lure
28 Summit
29 Pro votes
31 Muffin choice
34 "Debt of Honor" author
35 Rider who wears silks
37 London's Old —
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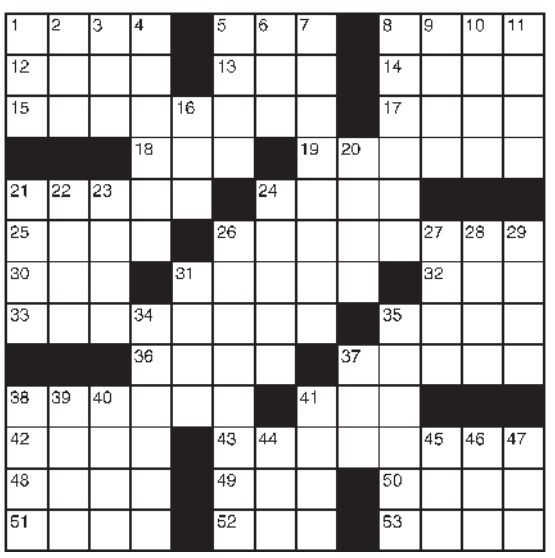

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Think twice before you respond. Emotions will take over if you let someone test your temper. Gravitate toward people who share your beliefs and have an interest in similar goals. A group effort will give more strength to your objective. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Hold back information if it will buy you time to tweak what you are working on or trying to achieve. Learn from someone with experience when it comes to making physical moves that can alter your looks, future or position. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Dig in and get things done. Now is not the time to discuss your plans; it's time to initiate the change that will put you in a better position. Take charge and stay focused on the end result. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Stay calm, even if you are blindsided with an emotional situation. Counter with a good attitude, kindness and consideration. Positive change will help you persuade others to see and do things your way. Do your best to get along with everyone. ✪✪

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By DAVID OUELLET

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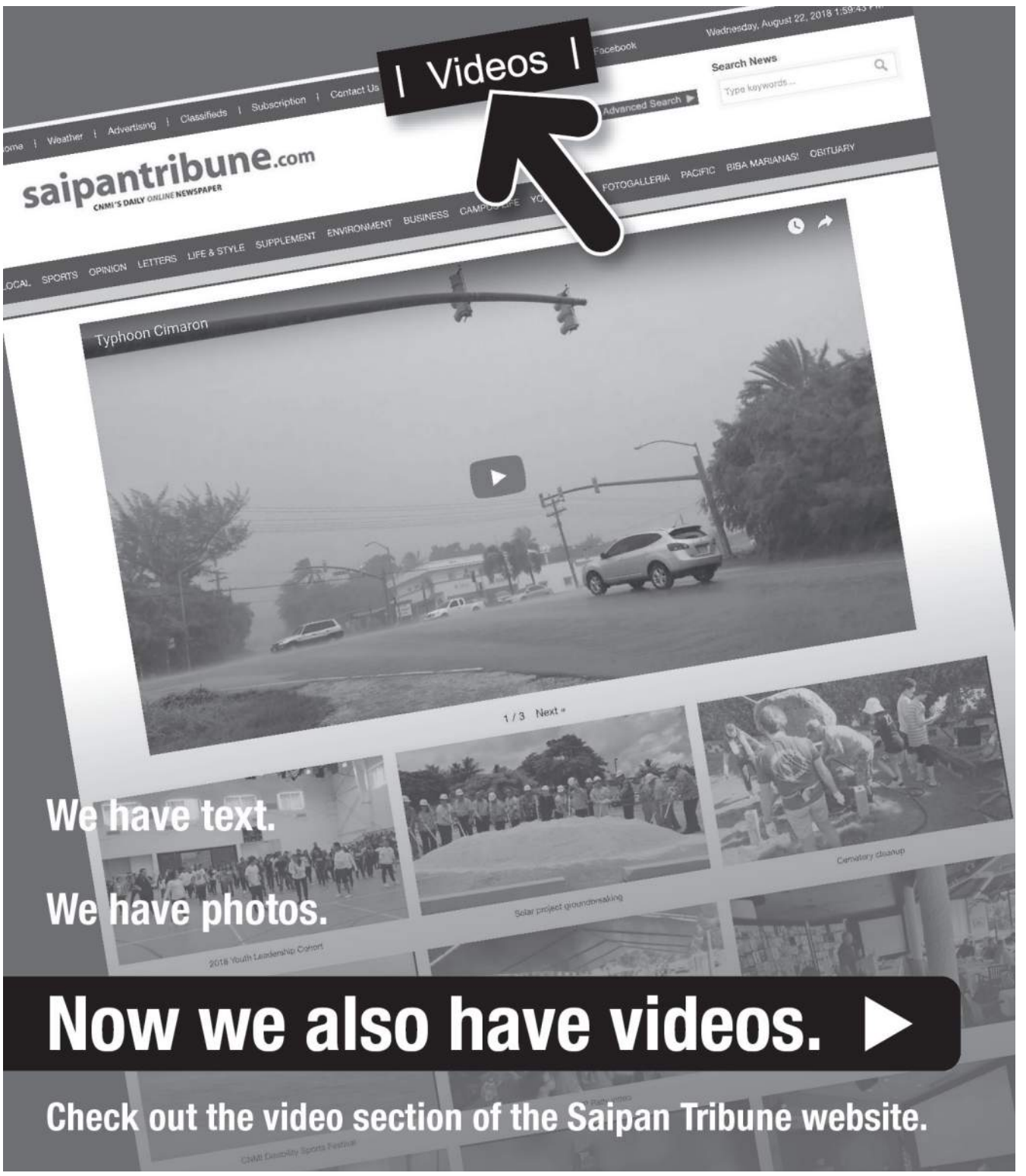

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Brees makes 500 club, beats Ravens for first time

AP
New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees prepares to throw to a receiver in the first half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE (AP) — So, Drew Brees finally beat the Baltimore Ravens. Years from now, the remarkable New Orleans quarterback will hopefully recall the comeback he engineered and 500th career touchdown pass — and not the unusual fashion in which the Saints won the game.

By virtue of the first missed conversion in Justin Tucker's seven-year career, the Saints pulled out a 24-23 victory Sunday.

The Ravens were the only team Brees had never beaten. Granted, the teams meet only once every four years, but that was enough to saddle him with an 0-4 lifetime record against Baltimore.

Now it's 1-4 after Brees helped New Orleans put up 17 fourth-quarter points against a defense that had not allowed a touchdown in the second half this season. Because the Saints prevailed, Brees joined Brett Favre and Peyton Manning as the only quarterbacks to beat every team in the league.

"They've had some tremendous defensive teams in the past," Brees said of Baltimore. "Guys like Ray Lewis, Ed Reed, Adalius Thomas, Peter Boulware and Haloti Ngata."

This unit has Terrell Suggs, Eric Weddle, C.J. Mosley and plenty other stars. Brees, however, was up for the challenge.

He went 22 for 30 for 212 yards, increasing his NFL record in passing yardage to 72,315. The 39-year-old also threw two touchdown passes, the first of which was the 500th of his career, a 1-yarder to Ben Watson in the second quarter.

The only other members of the 500 club are Favre, Manning and Tom Brady. Period.

"One of the greatest things about the 500th touchdown pass, it was caught by one of my favorite teammates of all time," Brees said. "I couldn't think of better guy to catch this touchdown than Ben Watson. He is a terrific veteran, and I look up to him."

Panthers 21, Eagles 17

In Philadelphia, Cam Newton tossed a 1-yard touchdown pass to Greg Olsen with 1:22 left and the Carolina Panthers overcame a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the Philadelphia Eagles.

Julius Peppers sacked Carson Wentz, forcing a fumble on fourth down from the Panthers 14, to seal the victory.

The Panthers improved to 4-2 with the biggest comeback in franchise history. The defending Super Bowl champion Eagles fell to 3-4.

After Carolina took the lead, the Eagles started at their 30. A 48-yard pass interference penalty on James Bradberry against Alshon Jeffery put the ball at the Carolina 22. Eric Reid appeared to intercept Wentz's overthrown pass but the play was overturned on a video review. Wentz threw incomplete to Jeffery in the end zone on third-and-2 and was stripped on the next play.

Buccaneer 26, Browns 23, OT

In Tampa, Chandler Catanzaro kicked a 59-yard field goal, the longest ever in overtime, with 1:50 remaining.

Redeeming himself after missing an extra point, as well as a 40-yard field goal on the final play of regulation, Catanzaro's kick barely made it over the crossbar to end Tampa Bay's three-game skid and hand the Browns (2-4-1) a NFL record-tying 24th consecutive road loss.

Cleveland has played four overtime games this season—most for a team since Arizona won all four it played in 2011, and tied for second most in NFL history.

Redskins 20, Cowboys 17

In Landover, Redskins linebacker Ryan Kerrigan's strip-sack of Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott was recovered for a touchdown by Preston Smith with just under five minutes left and Washington held on when a last-second field-goal attempt by Brett Maher went off the left upright.

What would have been a 47-yard kick became a 52-yarder when Louis-Philippe Ladoceur was called for a snap infraction.

The Kerrigan-Smith play that provided the winning points was Washington's fourth sack of Prescott, who appeared to use smelling salts after taking a shoulder to his helmet at the end of a run in the first quarter. Prescott lost two fumbles in the game, including one on an earlier fourth-and-1 keeper.

Rams 39, 49ers 10

In Santa Clara, Todd Gurley scored three touchdowns and Jared Goff threw two TD passes as the Rams took advantage of four takeaways and a blocked punt.

The Rams (7-0) intercepted C.J. Beathard twice and recovered two fumbles to give them seven straight wins to open the season for the first time since 1985. The Rams began 6-0 for three straight seasons in 1999-2001 before losing the seventh game.

The 49ers (1-6) made sure that wouldn't happen this year by repeatedly giving away the ball, justifying the decision the NFL made to flex this game out of prime time following the season-ending knee injury to San Francisco quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo.

Patriots 38, Bears 31

In Chicago, Tom Brady threw for three touchdowns and the Patriots hung on when Kevin White got stopped at the 1 on a 54-yard pass from Mitchell Trubisky.

About four or five defenders swarmed White after he leaped to haul in that long heave, preventing him from crossing the goal line while preserving the fourth straight win for New England.

The Patriots (5-2) also got two special teams touchdowns and came out on top even though they were missing Rob Gronkowski. The five-time Pro Bowl tight end missed the game because of ankle and back injuries.

Texans 20, Jaguars 7

In Jacksonville, Blake Bortles fumbled on Jacksonville's third play of each half, leading to 10 points and his benching.

The Texans (4-3) won their fourth consecutive game thanks to those two turnovers and took a one-game lead in the AFC South.

Deshaun Watson, who reportedly made the 800-mile road trip by bus instead of plane, had a touchdown pass despite playing with a bruised lung and injured ribs.

Lions 32, Dolphins 21

In Miami Gardens, Kerryon Johnson rushed for 158 yards and the Lions repeatedly mounted long scoring drives.

Matt Stafford was 18 for 22 for 217 yards and two touchdowns. Detroit had 457 total yards and 248 on the ground, with scoring drives covering 64, 85, 75, 65, 75, 63 and 44 yards.

The Lions (3-3) punted once and had no turnovers to win on the road for the first time. They've climbed back to .500 after being outscored 78-44 in their first two games.

Chargers 20, Titans 19

In London, Adrian Phillips broke up Marcus Mariota's pass attempt, the Titans' second try for a 2-point conversion after a defensive penalty on the first attempt, and the Chargers held on.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Chargers (5-2), who weathered the absence of running back Melvin Gordon (hamstring) and relied upon their defense to pull out the win.

The Titans (3-4) drove 89 yards over the final 4:55 before Mariota's 1-yard pass to tight end Luke Stocker pulled them within one point. Mariota, who went 24 for 32 for 237 yards with an interception, thought he had scored the touchdown himself. With 40 seconds left, he ran 3 yards on a draw and stretched for the end zone, but replay showed he was down inches shy of the goal line.

Vikings 37, Jets 17

In East Rutherford, Kirk Cousins threw two touchdown passes, Latavius Murray ran for two scores, and the Vikings pulled away in the second half for their third straight victory.

Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen became the fifth player in NFL history to get at least 100 yards receiving in seven consecutive games, catching nine passes for 110 yards and a touchdown.

Murray, coming off career-high 155 yards rushing against Arizona, finished with 69 yards on 15 carries to help lift the Vikings (4-2-1) to their first win against the Jets on the road after losing the first five meetings away from home.

Colts 37, Bills 5

In Indianapolis, Andrew Luck threw four touchdown passes and Marlon Mack had his first rushing scores of the season.

The Colts (2-5) snapped a four-game losing streak and finally won their 300th game since moving to Indianapolis from Baltimore in 1984. Adam Vinatieri scored five points to move within five of breaking Morten Andersen's NFL career record (2,544).

The Bills (2-5) lost their second straight, playing this one without injured starting quarterback Josh Allen.

Luck was 17 of 23 with 156 yards and extended the league's longest active streak of consecutive games with a TD pass to 30 – breaking a tie with Dan Marino, Ben Roethlisberger and Matt Ryan for No. 8 all-time. It's the third time in four weeks he's thrown four TDs in a game.

Chiefs 45, Bengals 10

In Kansas City, Patrick Mahomes threw for 358 yards and four touchdowns, Kareem Hunt finished with three scores and Kansas City rebounded from its first loss to throttle Cincinnati.

Mahomes was 28 of 39 with his only big mistake an underthrown interception, though the Chiefs were already so far ahead of Cincinnati by that point it didn't really matter.

Mahomes spread the wealth, too, connecting with eight targets.

Rondo, Ingram, and CP3 suspended after brawl

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lakers teammates Brandon Ingram and Rajon Rondo and Chris Paul of the Rockets were suspended without pay Sunday for an on-court fight, with Paul taking the heaviest financial hit.

Ingram was suspended four games, Rondo will sit out three games and Paul two games. The NBA handed down the punishments a day after the incident in the fourth quarter at Staples Center.

The penalty was costliest to Paul, who has the highest salary of the trio and was fined a total of $491,782. Paul is president of the NBA Players' Association. He began serving his suspension Sunday night and wasn't at the arena when the Rockets lost to the Clippers 115-112. Rondo will be docked a total of $186,207, while Ingram's total is $158,816.

Houston coach Mike D'Antoni disagreed with the severity of Paul's penalty.

"It's just not equitable," he said. "If you wanted to suspend him one (game) I get it, just to make a statement. Then you're talking monetarily, he's paying three times more than the other guys are paying for missing games? That doesn't seem to be right."

Ingram and Rondo will start their suspensions Monday night when the Lakers host the San Antonio Spurs.

AP

Houston Rockets' Chris Paul, far left, is held back by Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James, second from left, after Paul fought with Lakers' Rajon Rondo, far right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, in Los Angeles.

The league said Ingram was suspended for aggressively escalating the altercation and throwing a punch in the direction of Paul, confronting referee Jason Phillips in a hostile manner, and instigating the overall incident by shoving Rockets guard James Harden.

"It is what it is," Harden said. "I don't know how to decide how many games."

Eric Gordon, who started in place of Paul against the Clippers, defended his teammate, saying, "If somebody is attacking you, you got to somewhat protect yourself."

Rondo was suspended for instigating a physical altercation with Paul, and spitting and throwing multiple punches at the Rockets star. Paul was suspended for poking at and making contact Rondo's face and throwing multiple punches at him.

"What is he supposed to do? Just stand there and get spit on and then take a punch in the face and say, 'Well, that's OK,'" said D'Antoni, who called Rondo's spitting "pretty disgusting."

"In the heat of the moment when somebody does that, that's tough, that's really tough," D'Antoni said.

The Rockets led 109-108 with 4:13 remaining when Ingram fouled Harden and then shoved him and confronted Phillips after getting a technical foul.

Ingram, Paul and Rondo were all ejected. Houston won 124-115, spoiling the Lakers' home debut for LeBron James.

"We don't want this to happen again," said NBA executive vice president Kiki VanDeWeghe, who handed down the penalties. "(We are) sending a clear message that this is not acceptable behavior and you cannot do this. So in this particular instance, the multiple-game suspensions are pretty severe both to their teams and financially to the players."

The suspension to Ingram is the longest for an on-court incident since April 2012, when Metta World Peace of the Lakers received seven games. World Peace elbowed Harden, who was then playing for Oklahoma City, in a game also at Staples Center to earn that penalty, the irony being Harden is the one who Ingram fouled to start Saturday's fracas.

There have been longer suspensions in recent years, but none for an on-court altercation than what Ingram got.

Kings top Thunder, ruin Wesbrook's return

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)— Russell Westbrook was in no mood to talk after his season debut.

Iman Shumpert scored 26 points and the Sacramento Kings beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 131-120 on Sunday night to spoil Westbrook's return.

Westbrook missed the preseason and the first two regular-season games after having a procedure to deal with inflammation in his right knee. He had 32 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists in 35 minutes after averaging a triple-double the past two seasons.

Westbrook sat at his locker for more than 20 minutes before getting in the shower and finally addressed the media about an hour after the game ended.

"I was OK," he said. "It wasn't my best night, but I've got however many more games left to play, so I'm not worried. It was my first time. I just hate losing. Honestly, I don't really care to talk about how I played."

Thunder coach Billy Donovan liked what he saw from Westbrook, who made 13 of 23 field goals and was his usual unstoppable self when attacking the rim.

"I thought Russell really played well," Donovan said. "I give him a lot of credit. He worked really hard the last five to six weeks to try to get himself ready. For him to come back, being out as long as he was and play like he did — I thought we were faster, I thought we got downhill more, I thought the ball was moving."

De'Aaron Fox scored 22 points and Buddy Hield added 17 for the Kings. They shot 54.9 percent to earn their first win of the season.

Sacramento coach Dave Joerger said it was a big win for his team, given the build-up for Oklahoma City.

"They come back from the West Coast, they get their guy back and opening night, and a lot going on," Joerger said. "I've got a lot of respect for them. We got the ball up and down the floor and we played fast."

Paul George scored 29 points and Steven Adams added 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Thunder.

Sacramento led 68-56 at halftime behind 54.5 percent shooting. Westbrook had 15 points, nine rebounds and six assists at the break.

The Kings pushed their lead to 17 in the third quarter, but the Thunder rallied. A driving dunk by rookie Hamidou Diallo cut Sacramento's lead to 10 and helped bring the crowd back into the game. Oklahoma City closed the quarter strong, but Sacramento still led 97-90 entering the fourth.

Nuggets 100, Warriors 98

In Denver, Gary Harris scored 28 points, Juancho Hernangomez blocked a tying layup just before the buzzer and the Denver Nuggets beat the Golden State Warriors.

Trailing by 13 points in the fourth quarter, the Warriors rallied and had a chance to tie it in the waning seconds. Stephen Curry drove down the lane and passed to big man Damian Jones, who had his shot blocked from behind by Hernangomez.

The Nuggets improved to 3-0 despite missing 18 free throws, including six in the final quarter.

Nikola Jokic had 23 points, 11 rebounds and six assist in his bid for a triple-double on a second straight night.

The 3-0 start is Denver's best since the 2009-10 squad led by Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups began 5-0. This victory was driven by defense. Denver was sluggish in the second game of a back-to-back but turned up the defensive intensity. The Nuggets forced 18 turnovers.

No surprise, Curry hit three straight 3-pointers in a 1:11 span to lead the comeback. He finished with 30 points and had six 3-pointers to move him past Paul Pierce for sixth place on the NBA's career list.

Draymond Green had a chance to tie the game at 99-all with 9.6 seconds remaining, but his second free throw rolled out. Jamal Murray made one of two free throws on the other end to make it 100-98 and set the stage for Hernangomez.

Hawks 133, Cavaliers 111

In Cleveland, Trae Young got doused with a bucket of ice water after his third NBA game.

The Cavaliers couldn't do anything to cool off Atlanta's rookie guard.

Young scored 35 points with 11 assists—the best line for a first-year player since Steph Curry in 2010—and Kent Bazemore scored 23 as the Hawks rolled to a win on over Cleveland, which lost its home opener and fell to 0-3 as it re-adjusts to life without LeBron James.

The No. 5 overall pick in this year's draft, Young shook off a slow start and showed why the Hawks believe he's a future superstar. Afterward, Young was targeted by teammates after they soaked coach Lloyd Pierce following his first win.

"It was super cold," Young said with a smile after his shocking bath. "I thought it would just be Coach Pierce because he had his first win, but it was all right. I'll take it."

Young was also unaware he matched Curry, who twice scored at least 35 with 10 assists in his first season with Golden State. And just three games into the season, Young has 79 more chances to do it again.

"Now that we know what he's capable of we'll be expecting a little bit more," Bazemore joked.

Clippers 115, Rockets 112

In Los Angeles, Montrezl Harrell led a fourth-quarter charge by the Clippers' reserves with 17 points, and Los Angeles defeated the Houston Rockets.

Harrell and the bench helped the Clippers erase a four-point deficit late in the third, with Luc Mbah a Moute's 3-pointer giving them the lead for good.

Tobias Harris led the Clippers with 23 points. Danilo Gallinari added 20 and Harrell had 10 rebounds.

The Rockets were without Chris Paul against his old team. He began serving a two-game suspension for his involvement in an on-court fight against the Lakers on Saturday.

James Harden had 31 points and 14 assists for the Rockets. He got shoved by the Lakers' Brandon Ingram in a move that started the incident a night earlier.

TanHoldings pounds Mobil to remain unbeaten

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TanHoldings demolished Mobil/COAG, 115-70, in the third game in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The easy victory was the third in as many games for TanHoldings, giving the team the solo lead in Pool A, while Mobil is winless after two matches.

TanHoldings scored 30-plus points in each of the first two quarters en route to the 45-point winning margin.

As expected, scoring machine Lerio Pagarao anchored TanHoldings' offense. He sizzled for 20 points just in the first period alone to lift his team to a 31-23 advantage. Pagarao made baskets in streaks and nearly matched the production of the entire Mobil crew.

Pagarao slowed down a bit in the second period, recording only 9 points, but his teammates joined TanHoldings' show of offensive firepower for another 30-plus point output. TanHoldings had 36 markers in the second frame—its biggest in a single quarter—to pad its lead to 26 at the break, 67-41.

Despite the wide margin, TanHoldings was still on business in the third canto, adding 25 more points, while Mobil folded up completely after registering only 5 markers. Mobil was held to two field goals in the third period of John Naog's triple and Edwin Torres' floater. Krisgel Arreza outgunned the entire Mobil team with his four baskets and 8 points, as TanHoldings had the game in the bag right at the end of the third frame, 92-46.

With the win secured, TanHoldings let its guard down in the fourth canto, allowing Mobil to pick up garbage points.

Pagarao paced TanHoldings with his 47 markers—his best at this early part of the season—while Arreza and Fradel Sedillo chipped in 14 each. Torres led Mobil with his 17 markers.

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TanHoldings' Dindo Pablo pulls up for a short jumper during the third quarter of their game against Mobil/COAG in the JP World caging last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

TanHoldings 115 — Pagarao 47, Arreza 14, Sedillo 14, Esdrelon 8, Villamena 8, Pablo 7, Santos 7, Demafelix 5, Nonato 4, Ngirarois 4, Francisco 4.

Mobil/COAG 70 — Torres 17, Estolas 14, Galzote 13, Naog 10, Almario 7, Aguilar 2, Wenceslao 2, Pascual 2.

Scoring by quarters: 31-23, 67-41, 92-46, 115-70.

Beloved in Boston, Roberts returns for World Series with LA

BOSTON (AP) — In the souvenir store across from Fenway Park, it will set you back $100 for a framed, autographed photo of "The Steal," Dave Roberts' stolen base in the 2004 AL Championship Series that kick-started the Red Sox comeback against the New York Yankees and ended Boston's 86-year title drought.

"We used to have a big panorama of it," the clerk, Nick Fosman, said, "but we sold out of them a while ago."

Other mementos from that drought-busting championship may fade, but the intervening years have done little to dim Roberts' legacy in Boston since he helped the Red Sox rally from a three-games-to-none deficit against the rival Yankees en route to their first World Series crown since 1918.

Now, as he returns to Boston as the manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, he will be trying to prevent the city that celebrates him from claiming a fourth title this century. Even so, Roberts can expect a big cheer when he is introduced before Game 1 on Tuesday night.

"Obviously, for me personally I have a lot of fond memories of the Red Sox and Fenway Park," he said after the Dodgers clinched the NL pennant and advanced to the Series for the second straight year. "To be wearing another uniform going in there playing for a World Series championship is going to be special for me."

Havlicek stole the ball, Orr sailed through the air, and Vinatieri split the uprights (twice) to cement themselves in Boston sports history. But few athletes have squeezed their way into the city's lore like Roberts.

A trade deadline acquisition who was obtained for his speed, he hadn't played in 10 days when he entered Game 4 of the '04 ALCS as a pinch runner in the ninth inning at Fenway. The Red Sox trailed 4-3 in the game, and 0-3 in the best-of-seven series.

Roberts stole second, then slid home to score tying run that began Boston's unprecedented comeback. He pinch-ran again, and scored again, in Game 5, but he never appeared in another game for the Red Sox, standing by as they swept the St. Louis Cardinals to set off a celebration that generations of New Englanders had been waiting for.

No matter.

"He came here. He stole that base," said Red Sox manager Alex Cora, who was Roberts' teammate with the Dodgers in '04 and helped console him after he was traded. "I texted him right after he stole second base. I was like, 'I don't know what's going to happen here, but if this happens, you're going to become a hero.'

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the meantime, let's remain positive and committed to having the event until such time we are issued a statement from the governor declaring Typhoon Condition 2 or 3," said Cuki Alvarez of Trench Tech, which is the promoter of ROP 24.

"We will keep a close watch and be giving out regular statements to the public and fight fans as the storm gets closer. I'm thinking that by Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, we should have a definitive answer on whether we will cancel or not. Stay Safe everyone and prepare in case," Alvarez added.

ROP has lined up 16 fights, starting off with a pair of boxing matches. It will be followed by a kickboxing triple-header and eight preliminary MMA bouts. For the featured events, there will be two Saipan versus Guam MMA fights (Trench Tech's Mark "The Dark" Nuique vs Vida BJJ Guam's Pete Benavente and Zach Benavente against Trench Tech's Vince "The Clinch" Masga), while a special kickboxing bout between Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez and Steel Athletics' Jeff Mesa will cap off the night.

Besides the Micro Cup and ROP 24, another big event—Ironman 70.3 Saipan—will take place this weekend. The triathlon race is scheduled for this Saturday and *Saipan Tribune* sought for updates from the Marianas Visitors Authority about the event, but MVA has yet to respond as of press time. ***(With reports from Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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the 16th minute, made his second in the 20th, and completed the hat trick in the 79th. Miller, on the other hand, registered this three goals in the 17th, 35th, and 83rd minute. Brad Ruszala and Jack Unsa also hit the board for Paire with the former earning his goal in the 31st minute and the latter in the 50th. Jacob Sabino knocked in the lone goal for the winless Matansa in the 42nd minute.

Meanwhile, TanHoldings drew goals from four different players to beat KFAS. John Michael Rojas had a pair after scoring in the 22nd and 51st minute, while Razeff Altamirano, Emanuel Aniana, and Jersh Angeles lit up the board in the 14th, 31st, and 75th, respectively.

KFAS got its two goals from Sunjoon Tenorio (80th minute) and Junsik Kim (85th minute).

In other results in Division A, Kanoa FC entered the win column after shutting down Old B Bank, 2-0.

Ronnel Ocanada handed Kanoa its first goal in the 32nd minute, while Brian Lubao posted the second and last one in the 73rd.

DIVISION B
Sun Palace 3, Shirley's 1

Sun Palace took the solo lead in Division B after topping Shirley's in the last game at the NMISTC.

Young Ha Hwang found the back of the net early with his goal in the second minute and he made it two in a row after scoring in the 28th. Alan Wong delivered the other goal for Sun Palace in the 50th minute, while Shirley's drew its only goal in the match from Irish Pagarao in the 12th.

WNT 3, PIC 1

In the other game in the division, the CNMI Women's National Team bagged win No. 1 after outclassing Pacific Islands Club.

The WNT took the victory after playing better in the second half, which ended with PIC holding a shaky lead, 1-0, after John Ezekiel Canape scored in the 40th minute. Katrina Costales tied the match with her goal in the 48th minute, while Jeralyn Castillo put the WNT on top after hitting her target in the 70th. Three minutes later, Guine Borja gave the WNT the insurance, while PIC failed to counter to remain winless in three games.

M-League Standings
(As of Oct. 22, 2018)

DIVISION A							
Teams	W	D	L	Pts	GF	GA	GD
Paire	2	0	0	6	11	1	10
TanHoldings	2	0	0	6	10	2	8
MP United	1	0	0	3	4	3	1
Kanoa	1	0	1	3	5	4	1
Old B Bank	0	0	2	0	0	7	-7
Matansa	0	0	2	0	1	11	-10
KFAS	0	0	1	0	2	5	-3
DIVISION B							
Sun Palace	2	0	0	6	9	2	7
WNT	1	1	0	4	3	1	2
Shirley's	1	1	1	4	7	5	2
PIC	0	0	3	0	8	11	-3

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at the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT, which will be hosted at Club Campestre de Yucatán Calle in Merida. This time, 500 points in the singles and 375 in the doubles can be won in the Grade A competition that will run from Nov. 19 to 25.

From Mexico, the CNMI junior player will go to Bradenton in Florida to participate in the Eddie Herr International Junior Championship. The Eddie Herr event is another Grade 1 competition and will be held at the IMG Academy from Nov. 26 to Dec. 2.

For her last tournament of the season, Lee will be seeing action in the prestigious Orange Bowl that is set from Dec. 3 to 9. The Commonwealth bet will be playing at the Frank Veltri Tennis Center at the Plantation Central Park, also in Florida.

Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official and CNMI national team coach Jeff Race helped arrange Lee's participation in the tournaments in Mexico and Florida and wished that the junior player will gain more ranking points from these events.

Lee, who has been ranked as high as No. 161 (in September this year), is at No. 167 as of Oct. 15 and has 263 points (singles) and 135 in doubles. She last competed in Australia in late August and has been in Fiji for about two months now, training at the International Tennis Federation/Oceania Tennis Federation regional facility.

"I'm very excited to play these high-level tournaments. I feel more ready now than I was in the beginning of the year, so hopefully I can have some good results. I am in Fiji and still training really hard. I feel good about where I am with my tennis now," Lee said.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	3	0	1.000	—
Boston	2	1	.667	1
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	1
Brooklyn	1	2	.333	2
New York	1	2	.333	2

Southeast Division

Charlotte	2	1	.667	—
Orlando	1	2	.333	1
Miami	1	2	.333	1
Atlanta	1	2	.333	1
Washington	0	2	.000	1½

Central Division

Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—
Detroit	2	0	1.000	—
Indiana	2	1	.667	½
Chicago	0	2	.000	2
Cleveland	0	3	.000	2½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

New Orleans	2	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	1	1	.500	1
Dallas	1	1	.500	1
Memphis	1	1	.500	1
Houston	1	2	.333	1½

Northwest Division

Denver	3	0	1.000	—
Portland	2	0	1.000	½
Utah	1	1	.500	1½
Minnesota	1	2	.333	2
Oklahoma City	0	3	.000	3

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	2	1	.667	—
Golden State	2	1	.667	—
Phoenix	1	1	.500	½
Sacramento	1	2	.333	1
L.A. Lakers	0	2	.000	1½

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Pre-Hell of the Marianas Race Series 2

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Ayano Braxton makes a turn at the Banzai Cliff during the Pre-Hell of the Marianas Race Series 2 held last Oct. 14.

Race organizers Jay Diyco, left, and Florence Antonio, right, pose with the Top 3 placers (men's overall) during the awards ceremony.

Two bikers head back to Mariana Resort & Spa.

A biker carefully makes a turn.

J.C. Ferrer, second left, and Ayana Braxton, third left, pose with their medals. Also in the photo are race organizers Jay Diyco, left, and Ricky Castro, right.

Two bikers make their turn at Banzai Cliff to head back to Marianas Resort & Spa.

Jay Diyco, left, conducts the race briefing at the starting line across Mariana Resort.

Brees makes 500 club, beats Ravens for first time

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Rondo, Ingram, and CP3 suspended after brawl

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Paire, TanHoldings on top

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Weekend action in the 2018 Fall M-League resumed last Sunday with Paire Football Club and TanHoldings FC picking up where they left off to share the top spot in Division A.

Paire crushed Matansa, 8-1, in the second game at the Oleai Sports Complex, while over at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville, TanHoldings downed the debuting Korean Football Association on Saipan, 5-2. Paire and TanHoldings now hold similar 2-0-0 win-draw-loss records to lead idle MP United (1-0-0), Kanoa (1-0-1), KFAS (0-0-1), Old B Bank (0-0-2), and Matansa (0-0-2).

TanHoldings and Paire got their first win over Old B Bank and Matansa, respectively, during the opening week of the league, which did not have matches last Oct. 7 to give way to the Marianas Cup and Oct. 14 due to bad weather.

When Paire retuned to the pitch, Daniel Agulto and Joe Miller powered their team to a lopsided win over the hapless Matansa as they scored three goals each. Agulto drew first blood for Paire with his goal in

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Paire Football Club's Robbie Schorr, left, tries to keep control of the ball, while Matansa's Gabriel Arkoh Jr. moves closer on defense during the second half of their Division A game in the 2018 Fall M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Wait and see mode for Micro Cup, ROP 24

MICRONESIAN CUP GUAM PHOTO
Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's youth paddlers push hard on their way to the finish line of the 1,000m event during last year's Micronesian Cup held in Guam.

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With Tropical Storm Yutu projected to pass through Saipan Wednesday night, organizers of two competitions have yet to decide whether they will go ahead or rescheduled their events.

"For now, we will continue to make final preparations for our event and pray for good weather. We will closely monitor the weather development before making a decision," Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation president Justin Andrew said.

The local paddling group is scheduled to host the 20th Micronesian Cup this weekend with races starting on Friday and running until Sunday. The Micro Cup will feature Saipan paddlers battling teams from Guam and Palau.

"It could be bad news for our event if it hits us or even comes close with strong winds," Andrew added.

Meanwhile, Rites of Passage 24: Ragin' Rumble set for this Friday at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot may or may not push through, depending on the weather.

"With the potential threat that Tropical Storm Yutu possesses, we may be forced to cancel our fight on Friday. In

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6 tourneys await Carol

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The CNMI's Carol Lee will be very busy in the last two months of the year, as she will be playing in six high-ranking Juniors ITF tournaments.

First up for Lee is the 2018 Lee Duk Hee Cup Chuncheon International Junior Tennis Championships, which will run from Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 at the Chuncheon Songam Sports Town Tennis Courts in Chuncheon, South Korea. It is a Grade 2 event, which awards as much as 160 and 120 ranking points to the singles and doubles champions, respectively.

From Chuncheon, the 16-year-old will head to Jejudo to compete in the 2018 Seogwipo Asia/Oceania Closed Junior Championships that will be held from Nov. 5 to 11. The Asia/Oceania Closed is a higher tournament than the Lee Cup, as the former has a B1 rating, which gives 280 points to the singles winner and 210 to the doubles.

After her back-to-back events in South Korea, Lee will travel to Mexico for a pair of tournaments. She will first play in the Copa Mundial Campeche FMT that will take place at the Campeche Country Club in Campeche from Nov. 12 to 18. The Copa is a Grade 1 event, which awards the same points as the Asia/Oceania Closed.

For her second tournament in Mexico, Lee will be tested

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI junior player Carol Lee will be competing in top-ranking tournaments in South Korea, Mexico, and Florida.